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# THE KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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*Descendants from NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, AARON, ROGER KNAPP*

*"We are true to ourselves only when we act with becoming pride for the blood we inherit, and which we transmit to those who shall fill our place."—WEBSTER*

Vol. 1, No. 1

MARCH, 1937

Editor, MRS. FLORA KNAPP DICKINSON, 480—5th Ave., N. Y. C.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

DR. A. A. KNAPP

This, our first Bulletin, announces the organization of a Knapp Family Association for descendants from Nicholas, William, Aaron, or Roger Knapp, and its progress toward an active and useful existence. Plans are already being made for the First Annual Meeting to be held in New York City, on Saturday, June 26, 1937. We invite all members and their families to attend. It is hoped that plans may be formulated, at this meeting, to begin the publication of the first volume of our genealogy. A large amount of carded material has been accumulated by the Association genealogist, but ways and means must be provided to get it into book form.

We cordially invite all who are eligible to join this Association and to have a part in its growth and accomplishments.

### FROM OUR GENEALOGIST

EZRA FRED KNAPP

It is necessary that all genealogical data for records be very accurate, giving dates of birth, marriages, and deaths, with places of residences and dates of removals. Also that comparisons of data from various sources be offered in the kindest manner. There is much to be discovered as to parentage of very many of the Knapp Family, even some of comparatively recent date. The greatest difficulty seems to be around the 1750-1800 period. By all working together in the friendliest spirit, many of the tangles will be straightened out. Many descendants

claim relationship to "Uzal Knapp," Washington's bodyguard, when such relationship is so distant as to be almost negligible. To date, memberships to K. F. A. have been very accurate in tracings to original ancestor. If each member of the K. F. A. would interest others in joining the Association, we would soon have one of the most active and helpful family associations yet formed.

### THE KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Organized Sept. 2, 1936

The objects of the Association are: To honor and perpetuate the memory of our immigrant ancestors—Nicholas, William, Aaron and Roger Knapp; to collect and preserve all information possible concerning them and their descendants; to mark historic spots when practicable; to classify and file all available records, separating the various individual lines into their proper family groups; to aid the family association genealogist with all records and in other ways helpful in compiling and publishing the "KNAPP GENEALOGY;" to promote and encourage mutual friendships and sociability among all members.

### MEMBERSHIPS

Descendants from these Knapp ancestors in either the male or female lines are eligible for active memberships. Those who have married Knapp descendants may join the Association as Associate members. Life Membership — \$10; Annual — \$1.





## OFFICERS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION  
SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1937  
NEW YORK CITY**

Place of meeting and program will be announced later.

Please mark this day on your engagement calendar and **plan to be present**. Members are requested to send in to the secretary suggestions for the program. Suggestion has already been made that an exhibit of "Knapp Family Heirlooms" would be of great interest — pictures, jewelry, Bible records, Family trees and charts, etc. What will you bring? Has any member a Knapp Friendship quilt?

A cordial invitation is extended to members and friends to be present at this first annual "get-together meeting."

The K. F. A. already has members from the following states: California, Connecticut, District of Co-

lumbia, Iowa, Illinois, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Arizona.

Your officers are spending untold time, expense, and patience in working on correspondence and records. Please help them by sending in data, with proof, also lists of descendants who may be interested to become members.

The K. F. A. has a list of about two hundred Knapp ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War. Perhaps one of your ancestors is in the list.

There will be a discussion at the annual meeting as to plans for the publication of the first volume of the K. F. A. Genealogy. What suggestions have you to offer?

The Association extends thanks to all who have contributed their complete ancestral lines.

Do you wish to be on our Mailing List? If so, join the Association NOW. Write to the Secretary for further information.

## INTEREST SHOWN IN K. F. A.

(Taken from Correspondence)

"I think it's a splendid thing to organize a Knapp Family Association. Anything I can do to help I would be glad to."

"I am a member of the Sons of the Revolution in New York City, the Society of Colonial Wars, and Order of Founders and Patriots. If the applications I filed with these societies will be of any use to you I will be glad to loan you copies of same."

"I was interested in reading in the Boston Transcript of the Knapp Family Association. If in any way I can be of assistance, I would be glad to."



"I am sure if my father were living he would be about the first one at the Family Reunion. He was very proud of his ancestors and fond of all his relatives."

"I was very pleased some time back to get the prospectus of the Knapp Family Association. It has always been a dream of mine to have a reunion of Knapps—Oswald G. Knapp, England."

## NOTES

Members may send in "Queries" for a question box during the Annual Meeting.

Correspondence is invited from genealogical Societies and associations of families allied with the Knapp Families for the exchange of Bulletins if so desired.

Why not join this Association now and send in to the Secretary lists of other descendants? In this way you can do your part to assist in carrying out the purposes of the Association. Write for MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

## QUERIES

If you can answer any of the following, please number your answer to correspond with the question. Send all answers (with proof) to our genealogist, Ezra Fred Knapp, Nedrow, N. Y.

### WANTED:

Positive proof of the following:

### Ancestry of

1. Samuel Knapp, of Ontario Co., N. Y., who married Lavinia? Had sons, Ezra, David, Henry, and daughter Levinia, etc. . . .
2. Nehemiah (Mier) B. 10/29/1741. M. Mary Hill. Res. Shendoah, N. Y.

3. Ebenezer, Born 9/14/1772 M. Polly Hill. Res. Greenbush, and Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y. Ebenezer had brother, Samuel.
4. Nathaniel, B. ca 1750. Res. Dutchess Co., N. Y. 6 sons. 2 daughters.
5. Lebbeus, Born ca 1747, M. Rachel Storm. Res. Haverstraw, N. Y. Had brothers Silas, Jared, and Jonas.
6. Isaac. Died 1840. M. Margaret Eldridge. Res. Elizabethtown, N. Y.
7. John Born 12/28/1800 M. Sarah Green. Res. Orange Co., N. Y. and Benton, Yates Co., N. Y.
8. Enos. Born 1744 Greenwich, Ct. M. Mary Lockwood.
9. Ephraim. Died 10/10/1841. Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.
10. Henry. Born 1772, Died 1848, Somers, N. Y. M. Hannah —? Children: Reuben, Benjamin, M. Sarah Barrett, Rachel M. Saml. Barber, Lydia M. Smith Birdsell, Wm. M. Betsey Randle, Walter, Milan S., Elias.
11. Benjamin, Born 1758, Died 1835. Buried Shrub Oak, N. Y. 10 children, M. Elizabeth —?
12. Jonas 1796-1856 M. Charlotte Knapp. Res. Stony Point, N. Y. Son, Sylvester Knapp.
13. Jared. Married Jane Williams.
14. Elizabeth or Betty who married Samuel Clemons (Clement). Lived Northbridge, Mass. moved to Croydon, N. H.
15. Charles Knapp of Pochuck, (Warwick) Orange Co., N. Y. M. Hannah —? Will made Feb. 11, 1793. 7 children.
16. John Knapp M. Elizabeth Kelum in Goshen, N. Y. 1781.



**WILL of NICHOLAS KNAPP**

In Stamford ye 15th 2 mo. Anno 1670.

The last Will and Testament of Nicolas Knapp of Stamford concerning the disposal of his worldly estate.

1. I give to my sonn Moses Knap my house and Land in Stanford with all the meadow and upland belonging unto me. Also I give to my said sonn Moses my cart and plowe or plowes—with all the furniture of Irons; yokes; and chayns belonging and a small gun in the house and a sword.
2. I give unto my son Timothy the monies remayning due to me upon the bil for the house of John Bats live in.
3. I give to my sonn John Calep the loom and half the geers and the other half of the geers I give to my sonn Josuah.
4. I give to my daughter Sarah Disbrowe the monies due to me from her husband about 37s—concerning the horss.
5. I give to my daughter Hannah one mare.
6. I give to my daughter Lidea the mare that was Mr. Bishop's with the increase she hath.
7. I give to my daughter Ruth twenty shillings.
8. I give to my two daughters in law viz; Sarah and Uneca Buxton; all their mother's clothes as a free gift, except one hat

and one new pettecoat, which my will is they should have on-ward of their portion. Also I will and bequest unto Uneca Buxton the new Bible as a free gift.

9. My will is that the portions due to my daughters in law viz; Sarah Buxton and Uneca Buxton, out of the estate of their father Clement Buxton: I say that their part and portions be currently payd according to their portion of the inventorie.
10. Lastly my will is that my son Josuah Knap be sole executor of this my Will to receive all and pay all dues according to this my Will as also al debts to or from me.

If in case that mare be not found that I have given to Lidea that then shee to have another mare in lue of that.

This being my Last Will and renouncing all other former Wills made by me witness my hand

Witness

(signed) John Weed

Eleazer Slawson

(signed) Nicholas X Knap  
(his mark)

State of Conn. }  
Dist. of Fairfield } SS Probate Court

Note: This Will is recorded in Vol. 1665-75, P. 55 of the records of said court.

**NOTE**

The editor purposes to publish in each issue of the Bulletin copies of other Wills, Deeds, or other records pertaining to the Knapp ancestors. Members having such records are asked to send copies to the Association.





# The Knapp Family Association BULLETIN

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*"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations, ask thy father and he will shew thee; thy elders and they will tell thee."*

—DEUTERONOMY XXXII, 7

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SEPTEMBER, 1937

Editor, MRS. FLORA KNAPP DICKINSON, 489 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. A. A. KNAPP

Our Association is progressing very nicely. It is growing both in numbers and in knowledge of our Knapp ancestry. All members are enthusiastic in this work. We are proud of them. With such continued cooperation we shall go forward in another year's activities with new incentives, new ideals, and new determination to solve our problems and attain our objectives. Let us double our membership by having each member secure one new member before 1938. May we count on you to do this?

## FROM OUR GENEALOGIST

EZRA FRED KNAPP

Greetings to Knapp Family Association Members and those who should be! (This number is legion)

During the Summer your genealogist and his wife visited over forty county seats in several states to secure Knapp family data from original sources. Much new material has been added to our records. We are anxious to hear from all Knapp descendants who have Bible, Church, or Cemetery records. Please send in copies of such records to help in completing data for the "Knapp Family Genealogy." When this genealogy is printed, surely you will wish your family line to be included.

## REPORT OF FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

K. F. A.

Fifty Knapp descendants met at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, on Saturday, June 26, 1937, for the first annual meeting. This was a splendid representa-

tion from an association less than a year old. The same officers were re-elected and it was voted to hold the second annual meeting at the same place, Saturday, June 25, 1938. Following the morning business meeting at which most interesting reports were made by officers, there was an hour's intermission in which members became acquainted and had time to view the exhibit of Knapp relics, deeds, wills, and family trees. Mrs. William F. Carter, Vice-President, contributed to the exhibit a photostat of the family register of Ebenezer Knapp and his wife Polly Hill, besides deeds, and her family book. The oldest paper on display was a sheriff's summons, dated 1741, referring to lands bordering on those of Francis Knapp, Esq., and Samuel Knapp, Jr. of Danbury, Ct. This paper, with several pictures of early Knapp houses, was sent by Henry Betts of Danbury. Dr. A. A. Knapp's family chart, with several lines traced to England before 1620, attracted much attention. Most of these exhibits were presented to the Association for their archives.

After luncheon, the group listened to a delightful program which included talks on "The Joys of Ancestor Hunting," by Ezra Fred Knapp; "Our Ancestors and Their Descendants," by Wilmot E. Knapp, eighty year old attorney, from Elmira, N. Y.; "Knapp family characteristics," and an original poem, by Jacob Henry Knapp, from Parkersburg, W. Va.; "Our Association Letter-Box," by Flora Knapp Dickinson; "Our Association Treasury," by Marion B. Brown, Treasurer. An informal forum followed the program, which proved to be a unique feature. Many members took part in the discussions. Throughout the day there was not a dull moment. All present expressed their appreciation for a most unusual meeting.



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### KNAPP FAMILY DATA

The Will of Aaron Knapp, senior, of Taunton, Mass. is printed in Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3 of Wills, P. 129. His Will was made "June the 15th day in the year 1674," exhibited to the Court of Plymouth the 2nd day of November 1674 on the "oathes of Samuel Smith and Thomas Linkolne, Jr." The Will names wife, Elizabeth; son Aron; daughter Mary; daughter Elizabeth; sons John, Samuell, Moses, and Joseph. Aron's desire is "that John Tisdale, sr., and Samuell Smith, shall divide the aforesaid land (undivided lands in Taunton) which is to be "divided among my (Aron's) sons."

The Will of Samuell Knapp (son of Aron, sr.) of Taunton, Mass. was executed the 11th day of May, 1715. It was witnessed by John Crossman, Thomas

Linkon, Grand Senior, and William Briggs. Will was approved April 6, 1719. The Will names wife, Elizabeth; two youngest sons, Nathaniel Knapp and Seth Knapp; eldest son, Joseph Knapp; and son Samuel Knapp; four daughters, Belthial, Elizabeth, Abigail and Mary.

(Information contributed by Dr. A. A. Knapp)

The Will of William Knapp, Goshen, N. Y. was made in Goshen, September, 1770, and probated in 1773 (He was son of Caleb and Hannah Clements Knapp of Stamford, Ct.). His Will mentions wife Margaret; children, William, Jr. (married Esther Isaacs); John (married Abigail Tusten); James (married Esther Drake); Lt. Samuel (married Mehitable?) Sarah; Hannah (married Gershom Green); Margaret; Abigail; Catherine (married James Stewart).

(Contributed by Elizabeth Horton,  
Middletown, N. Y.)

**Bushnell Knapp** of Norfolk, Ct., was shot for a deer. He was born 1777. Among old papers I found a will of his mother, Mercy Holt Knapp, born 1747, wife of Samuel Knapp (Rev. Soldier) made in Bushnell's favor. As he died before her, the Will was not probated.

(Contributed by Henry B. Betts, Danbury, Ct.)

**William Knapp** came over on the 'Arabella'. His house stall was on the south side of Mt. Auburn Street, East of School Street (Watertown, Mass.) In 1651, 'Old Father Knapp' was discharged of his service at the Meeting-House and Keeper of the Pound. In 1656 he was in want and his children were not most anxious to provide, but in 1657 he married the widow Akers (he was then 79), after borrowing a sum of money from her which she collected from his estate the next year. He died at 80 in 1658, leaving 7 children who continued to live in Watertown and Newton.

**Nicholas and Elinor** came over on the 'Arabella' and lived in Bank Lane. Later moved to Connecticut with 7 children. In 1631 he was fined five pounds for selling a water to cure scurvy, at a very dear rate. (See "Great Little Watertown, Mass.—Robinson and Wheeler).

(Contributed by Mrs. Lucilla Knapp Cormerais, Newton Upper Falls, Mass. from Knapp notes in her possession. Also in her possession is the worn Powder Horn, made and used by Ebenezer Knapp at Fort William Henry)





"The New York Herald Tribune" of June 28, 1937, carried an editorial on "New Fruit from Old Trees," about the revival of family associations. Reference was made to our association as follows:

"At the Knapp Gathering the family archivist revealed without claiming any particular credit for his own amazing industry, that he had tabs on 16,000 branches of the great and honorable Knapp nation within this nation....."

This entire editorial should be read by all of our members.

## QUERIES (Continued)

Please number your answers to correspond with number of query, and send with proof of data to Ezra Fred Knapp, family Genealogist, Nedrow, N. Y.

Symbols: b—born; m—married; d—died.

### WHO WERE THE PARENTS OF —

17. **Lucy Knapp** (1789-1854) of Orange Co., N. Y. who m. Jonathan Cory, jr?
18. **Caleb Knapp** who died in Greenbrier Co., W. Va. 1829. m. Betsy? (It is thought he came from Mass. or Maine)
19. **Mary Knapp**, b. Pownal, Vt. 1825, m. Michael Jackett at Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y. 1844?
20. **Elizabeth Knapp**, widow of John Hoskins? He died in 1715.
21. **William Knapp** who m. Anna Carter? Their daughter, Mary Ann Knapp b. Bennington, Vt., 1829, m. ....? Jackson, and lived in Pownal, Vt.
22. **Israel Knapp**, 1797-1880, who lived in Goshen, N. Y.? He m. Sarah A. Fowler.
23. **William Knapp** who lived in Goshen, N. Y. and settled in Pittston, Pa.? Died 1815. His heirs were John Halsted, Jonathan Knapp, John Sely, Amans Sely, Asa Sely, Isaac Smith, Moses Smith, Rachel Halsted, William Knapp, and Nathan Davis.
24. **Tytus and his brother Enos?** Tytus m. Ruth ....? ....? Wanted, her maiden name also.
25. **Joseph Knapp** who m. Susannah Packard? Lived at Bridgewater, Mass. and Leeds, Me. He was a Rev. Soldier.

26. **Amos Knapp** b. Troy, N. Y.? m. Elizabeth Whiting. He d. Armenia Mt., Pa.

27. **Alanson Knapp** b. 1800 d. 1884? m. Hannah Haywood 1820. (It is thought his father was Josiah Knapp who lived in Columbia and Monroe Counties, N. Y.)

N. B.—Correction for query 7, Bulletin Vol. 1, No. 1 — Should have been "John B. Knapp, b. June 2, 1799, Orange Co., N. Y., d. 1840."

## PERSONALS

After the K. F. A. Annual Meeting, Dr. A. A. Knapp, wife and daughter took a trip to Bermuda.

Mrs. Samuel Hay, Newport News, Va., has recently organized the first County Historical Society in that state. Mrs. Hay is descended from two Knapp ancestors.

Mr. Jacob Henry Knapp of Parkersburg, West Va., contributed his beautiful poem, "October's Olden, Golden Glory" for the Bulletin. We regret lack of space for its publication this time.

Miss Lucy Farnham of Trenton, N. J. brought some family heirlooms to the Annual Meeting. Her stories about them were very interesting.

Among the recent additions to our Association Membership are the following: Lulu Lawrence, New York, N. Y.; Margaret and Mary C. Knapp, Hartford, Ct.; Natalie Knapp Buttolph, New York, N. Y.; Helen A. Knapp, Tompkins Cove, N. Y.; A. A. Knapp, Wichita, Kans.; Rev. John B. Hill, Arlington, Mass.; Mrs. J. R. Pidgeon, Northport, N. Y.; Mrs. Geo. M. Selby, Encanto, Calif.; Corwin Linson Knapp, Atlantic Highlands, N. J.; Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, White Plains, N. Y.; Judge Clyde W. Knapp, Lyons, N. Y.; Nelson Walter, Elmhurst, N. Y.; Dr. Hubert C. Knapp, Baltimore, Md.; and Charles T. Knapp, New York, N. Y.

Those, not already mentioned, who came from a distance to attend the Annual Meeting were: Mrs. Don Harper, Elkins, West Va.; Miss Frances Bump, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Mabel Knapp, Goshen, N. Y.; Dr. William Canfield Dean and Mrs. Dean, Jericho, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kratzer, Merchantville, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. George B. Anthony, Westfield, N. J.; Mrs. A. Harold Close, Stamford, Ct.; Mrs. Jessie Knapp Burr, White Plains; Herbert H. Ferris, Glen Ridge, N. J.; and Mrs. Frank Holbert, Warwick, N. Y.







Some of the early arrivals at the First Annual Meeting Knapp Family Association, Hotel McAlpin, New York City, June 26, 1937  
(President, Dr. A. A. Knapp, seated in centre; Ezra Fred Knapp, Family Genealogist, second to his left)

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## NOTICES

State Captains have been appointed by the President of the K. F. A. to assist in copying Knapp records, such as old deeds, wills, cemetery inscriptions, and Bible records, for the Association collections. If each member would contribute a copy of one such record, we would soon have a very valuable collection. Will you contribute one or more?

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This Association is entirely dependent for financial support on the dues of its members. You know when you joined. Will you not send in your check promptly to the treasurer, without waiting for further notification? Why not this year become a Life Member? Annual Membership—\$1. Life Membership \$10.

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For membership cards, extra copies of Bulletins, and information relative to this Association, write to the Secretary.

### KNAPP DATA (continued)

Isaac Knapp, born May 14, 1750, in Stamford, Ct., served in Captain Caleb Trowbridge's Company, Col. David Woo-

ster's Regiment, Connecticut Troops, Revolutionary War. He enlisted at New Haven, Ct., in April, 1775. He was taken prisoner in the siege of Quebec, December 31, 1775, or January 1, 1776 and held until September 1776, when he was paroled and returned home by boat and was exchanged in October, 1776. He enlisted sometime in 1782 in Captain James Stoddard's Company, Col. Camfield's Connecticut Regiment. After the Revolution he resided at Litchfield, Ct., then moved to Grand Isle, Vermont, where he remained until 1828, when he moved to Warsaw, Genesee Co., N. Y. He was allowed a pension in 1832. He died December 3, 1834. It was stated that this soldier was never married.

In 1832, Jared Knapp, a brother of the soldier, Isaac Knapp, made affidavit in Genesee County, N. Y. in support of Isaac's claim. (Extracts from Veterans Administration letter to Rev. Alvah E. Knapp.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: *That this soldier was never married is evidently a wrong inference.—See D.A.R. Lineage, Vol. 150, P. 167, where Isaac's wife is named as "Mary Gould." Their daughter, Mary Knapp, b. 1772, m. David Simmons.*



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*"Time is hastening on and we what our fathers are shall be  
Shadow shapes of memory."* —WHITTIER

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APRIL, 1938

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## SPIRIT OF OUR ANCESTORS

Written and read at the  
First Annual Meeting

by  
**Jacob Henry Knapp**  
of Parkersburg, W. Va.

In early days long, long ago;  
Our Forebears found "hard rows to hoe."  
Through summer's sun and winter's  
snow,  
Beneath a threatening sky.  
It mattered not how hard they'd try,  
Their best-laid plans oft went a-wry;  
And brought them nought but grief and  
woe,  
To urge them on to "Do or Die."

## MESSAGES

### From Our Association President

Our Annual Meeting will soon be here and we hope to see as many of our members in attendance as possible. We hope, too, that you will send in many new applications for membership before that meeting, as we need them to add to our working force as well as to help our revenues. Will you not, individually, make a "drive" among your friends and relatives for new members now?

I also want to suggest that, at our June meeting, the new Vice-Presidents to be selected, one to represent each of our immigrant ancestors. He shall be the representative for all descendants of that line. His duties shall be to increase the membership of the Association and the gathering of records of his line. He shall be responsible for collecting and classifying all genealogical data of that line with authority to appoint as many assistants as he may need. All of these activities shall be correlated under the Knapp Family Association. I shall then

ask for authority to appoint these Vice-Presidents, with our Association Genealogist, as a Committee on Publication to devise ways and means of compiling and publishing a **Knapp Genealogy** as soon as practicable. I am sure our members are anxious to have this work started soon. Material for at least one volume covering the generations to or after the Revolutionary War is practically compiled now and in the hands of our genealogist.

**LET US KEEP OUR OBJECTIVES  
IN VIEW!**

A. A. Knapp,  
President K. F. A.

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### From Our Genealogist

The Knapps are surely arousing themselves since the K. F. A. was organized. There is now an avalanche of data pouring in to the genealogist from all parts of the United States and Canada. He has spent nearly forty hours a week, on an average, for the past ten months, and still is behind in answering correspondence. Several State Captains are doing valuable research and their reports are greatly appreciated. They are finding many records which are helping to complete broken lines. The greatest present need is for more memberships and for bequests to provide means for publishing the family data already prepared. Surely there are some Knapps who could put their bequests to no better use than perpetuating the memory and names of their ancestors in a family genealogy.

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### From Our Treasurer

Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown, the Treasurer, reports that renewals of annual memberships have been coming in very nicely. Perhaps this will be a reminder to some. New members are listed from Minnesota, Kansas, Washington, Indiana, and Wash-

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1938**

**Hotel McAlpin  
NEW YORK, N. Y.**

Be sure to mark this day on your calendar and plan to be present to do your part in any way you can to put our KNAPP FAMILY on record for future generations. Program of all day meeting will be mailed to members.

Please send in to the Secretary your suggestions for the program.

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Send orders with check to Mrs. D. Q. Brown, 912 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Why not order paper for yourself and as gifts for your Knapp relatives?

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Among those active in securing members or submitting much genealogical data are: John MacSweeney, Victor, Ia.; Mrs. Edith L. Carter, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Alvah E. Knapp, Fort Johnson, N. Y.; Elizabeth Horton, Middletown, N. Y.; Mrs. Mildred Carver Carpenter, Dickson Q. Brown, Selwyn Dennis Knapp, Mrs. C. T. Rodermund, Ridgewood, N. J.; Adelaide C. Springstead, New York, N. Y.; S. C. Stoner, Los Angeles, Cal.; George N. Knapp, Stanton, Minn.; Mrs. Margaret Knapp Hawes, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Jacob Henry Knapp, Parkersburg, West Va.

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Dr. Amos Canfield, of New York, one of the K. F. A. Vice-Presidents, has recently been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York Genealogical and Historical Society, New York City. The Association is honored to have its Vice-President in this position.

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With sorrow we record the death of two valued active members of the K. F. A., and extend our sympathy to their families.

Mrs. Ella M. Crowe, widow of W. LeRoy Crowe, of Owosso, Mich., died Jan. 1. Mrs. Crowe was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knapp of Bath, N. Y. Among her survivors is a daughter, Miss Addie M. Crowe, who has already assumed her mother's membership in this Association. A son, Burt A. Crowe, a prominent lawyer of Chicago, also survives.

On Feb. 25, Margaret Knapp Hawes, wife of Frederick A. Hawes, of Brooklyn, N. Y. died. Mrs. Hawes was the daughter of Lummis A. Knapp and was born in Ringgold, Ga.

Mrs. Hawes visited the Association headquarters several times to contribute copies of valuable family data in her possession and attended the First Annual Meeting in June, 1937.





## DO YOU KNOW THAT

In Cummington, Mass. there is yet standing an old Knapp homestead? This was built by Jonathan Knapp, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. It is a beautiful old gambrel-roofed house, not far from the William Cullen Bryant place, both shaded by fine old maples which line the roadside.

(Do you know of any other old Knapp houses? If so, send such information to the "Editor." Some Knapp descendants may be interested in helping to keep these fine old places in the family.)

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There is in East Douglas, Mass. a Capt. Job Knapp Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution; in the District of Columbia, a Deborah Knapp Chapter, D.A.R.; and in Pelham Manor, N.Y. a Knapp Chapter, D.A.R.? The last named Chapter was organized in 1928, by Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidaver, to honor the memory of more than 250 men surnamed "Knapp" who were patriots in the American Revolution. Mrs. Vidaver is a Vice-President of the K. F. A.

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In her book, entitled, "Little Pilgrimages, Old New England Inns," (P. 114) Mary Caroline Crawford tells about a Revolutionary Tavern of unusual interest in Greenwich, Conn. She states that it is the tavern, which, in 1779, was the "Israel Knapp Tavern," one of the most popular hostleries on the main road between Boston and New York. It was from this Tavern that Israel Putnam rushed out and took his daring ride down the stone steps. The author also states that "the house probably dates back 200 years—the land on which it stands was bought in 1692 by one Timothy Knapp." The story goes on to tell that the Knapp Tavern was held by Margaret Knapp, daughter of the Tavern keeper, until 1812. It was then held in the Tracy Family for over 50 years, and is today the "Putnam Hill Chapter, D.A.R. Headquarters," the house being tastefully furnished with choice pieces of the Colonial and Revolutionary period."

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A "Friendship Quilt," with many Knapp names still legible has been located in the home of a descendant from Benedict Knapp and Catharine Bogart. A list of these names has been promised to the K. F. A. and when received will be published. It is thought the quilt is over a hundred years old.

## Messages

(continued from page one, column two)

ington, D. C. Will you assist the membership committee by securing a new member before June 25, and, in this way, double the Association membership?

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The following extracts from letters written by an enthusiastic member of the K. F. A. are self-explanatory:

"It is refreshing to know people, even though the acquaintance is by correspondence only, who are proud of their ancestry; proud enough to keep the genealogy straight, and broad-minded enough to know that they are honoring their ancestors in so doing."

"I think that you will find it worth while to join the K. F. A. for two reasons; First, the information you are likely to obtain will be profitable to you; and secondly, you will be honoring the family to the extent that you further the ends of the Association."

Good work!! We hope many other members will join in this enthusiasm.

## QUERIES (Continued)

Please number your answers to correspond with number of the "query," and send to Ezra Fred Knapp, Knapp Family Association Genealogist, Nedrow, N. Y. or to headquarters. The answers will be given in future issues of the Bulletin.

Symbols: b—born; m—married; d—died.

**WANTED, with residence, dates, etc., ancestry of —**

28. **George Knapp**, who m. Betsy Lyon, dau. of Capt. Thomas Lyon, killed in Canada during War of 1812. George had one brother and two sisters. Lucinda Knapp Norton, lived Cincinnati, O. and Mary Knapp Shattuck, lived Norwich, N. Y. George Knapp's son, David, m. Mary Collins.
29. **Amy Knapp**, b. April 25, 1743, m. Capt. Timothy Reynolds.
30. **Nathaniel Knapp**, whose son, Theodorus Knapp m. Martha Washburn.
31. **Fanny Knapp**, who m. Samuel B. Smith. Descendants lived in Tioga Co., N. Y.
32. **Jonathan Knapp** m. Elizabeth..... Had dau. Hannah who m. James Parshall.



33. **Luke Knapp**, b. 1742, also name of wife with all dates.
34. **Paul Knapp** who m. **Patty (Martha) Liscomb**. His son, **Paul**, b. abt. 1762.
35. **Lewis Knapp** who m. **Lana Barker**.
36. **John Knapp**, b. 1772, m. **Elenor McVaugh**. Descendants live in Wisconsin.
37. **Lemuel Knapp**, b. abt. 1770, m. **Hannah Munjou**. From Northampton, Mass. Settled Charlestown, O. in 1815. Had 19 children.
28. **Moses** who m. **Laura Elliot**, to Ohio in 1808. He was b. 1783 W. Stockbridge, Mass.
39. **Erastus Knapp** m. **Jane**....., to Ohio from Penfield, N. Y.
40. **David Knapp**, b. 1767 in Mass. m. **Sophia**....., to Henry Valley, Ash-tabula Co., O.
41. **Elisha Knapp** m. **Christina (or Elida)** to Huron Co., O. Was he from Monroe Co. N. Y.?
42. Date and place of m. of **Sgt. Elijah Knapp** and **Sarah Watkins**. He was b. Danbury, Ct. d. 1823, Glenville, N. Y.
43. Date of m. of **Samuel Knapp** and **Sarah Austin**. Also her parentage. Their son, **Jonathan Knapp** m. **Abiah Thrasher**, dau. of **Christopher** and **Katherine**..... Also **Katherine's** parentage.
44. Names of first and second wives of **Bushnel Benedict**, b. 1734, Danbury, Ct.
45. Name of wife (her parentage) of **Ebenezer Knapp** who leased land in Rensselaer Co., N. Y. Apr. 15, 1791.
46. Names and addresses of all known descendants of **Benedict Knapp**, b. 1783, m. **Catharine van de Bogart**, b. 1788.

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See Queries, Bulletins Vol. I, 1 and 2)

- 8 and 24. **Enos Knapp** b. 1744 Greenwich, Ct. m. **Mary Lockwood**. He d. Nov. 21, 1824. **Mary**, wife of **Enos**, d. July 21, 1832, aged 79-3-1. Marker erected in Old Cemetery, Sound Beach, Ct. by their daughter, **Rhoda**.
13. Ancestry of **Jared Knapp** who m. **Jane Williams** is **David Knapp** (4) and **Rachel Close**; **Benjamin Knapp** (3) and **Elizabeth Butler**; **Joshua**

(2) **Knapp** and **Hannah Close**; **Nicholas Knapp** (1) and **Elinor**.

22. Tombstone inscriptions for **Israel Knapp** and his wives, in Walden, N. Y. Cemetery, are as follows:  
"Israel Knapp b. April 26, 1797, d. Nov. 8, 1880. **Sarah A. Fowler**, b. Sept. 26, 1793, d. May 6, 1841. **Susan Hasbrouck**, b. Nov. 10, 1800, d. Oct. 3, 1845. **Susan B. Crist**, b. Feb. 28, 1802, d. Jan. 29, 1877. He had 9 children, all of whom survived him.
27. **Alanson Knapp**, b. Jan. 8, 1801, Dutchess Co., N. Y., d. March 10, 1884. m. **Harriet Haywood**, b. Aug. 11, 1805, d. Jan. 16, 1899. m. Mar. 1, 1820. Had 10 children. He was son of **Josiah Knapp** and **Susanna Hawley**. They moved from Dutchess Co. to Columbia Co. **Alanson** and wife moved to Del. Co., N. Y.

## KNAPP FAMILY DATA

In the Families of Old Fairfield, by **Jacobus**, Vol. I, pp. 364-66, the following is recorded:

"**Roger Knapp** was at New Haven as early as Dec. 11, 1638, was a freeman in 1644. He removed to Fairfield, married (1) ..... who was executed for witchcraft in 1653. He married (2) **Elizabeth Dickenson**, daughter of **Thos. Dickenson**. Children by his first wife were: **Jonathan** d. abt. 1676, unmarried; **Josiah** m. **Sybil Dickenson**; **Lydia** m. ? **Mills**; Children by second wife were: **John** d. bet. 1675-1691, m. (prob.) **Sarah Hull**; **Nathaniel** d. 1713, m. 1712 at Stratfield May 28; **Elizabeth** m. **Chas. Lane**; **Mary** d. Nov. 23, 1711. Children of **Josiah Knapp** and **Sybil** were: **Mary** b. Nov. 7, 1677, d. young; **Jonathan**, b. Apr. 2, 1680, d. young; **Moses** m. **Ganda Adams**; **Daniel** bapt. June 21, 1696, m. **Abigail Banks**."

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Found in MSS copy of Fishkill, N. Y. Dutch Church Records...P. 138:

"**Israel Knapp** and **Mary Hannion**. Children baptized, **Susanna**, Jan. 1, 1770; **David**, Mar. 4, 1772; **Elijah**, Nov. 14, 1776; **Frederick**, July 5, 1780; **Elizabeth**, April 25, 1783; **Samuel**, Feb. 25, 1785."

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In Abstracts of Greene Co., N. Y. Wills, Vol. 2, p. 63, is the following: **Ebenezer Knapp** of Lexington, Will probated May 17, 1841, names sons, **Thos. E.**, **Silas**; daus., **Lois Newcombe** and **Hannah Ellis**.





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Vol. II, No. 2

October, 1938

Editor, ALVAH EDWARD KNAPP, Fort Johnson, N. Y.

## OUR ARGOSIES

Last message of

Jacob Henry Knapp  
of Parkersburg, W. Va.

read at Second Annual Meeting.

If you have ships upon the seas,  
May every friendly wave and breeze  
Bring back full-freighted argosies.  
If you have camel-trains afar,  
May each beneath a lucky star  
Bring back its wealth to where you are.  
But, if the treasures that you hold  
Are not of frankincense and gold;  
But all your store of precious things  
Consists of dreams and visionings,  
Like magic castles built in Spain,  
Or wondrous castles in the air—  
A long-sought prize you hope to gain  
From here, or there, or anywhere—  
Then may the future bring to you,  
Like homing ships across the blue,  
Each wish fulfilled, each dream come true.

(Signed) JACOB HENRY KNAPP

## From Our Association President

Our second annual meeting held last June was well attended and very interesting and instructive. We were glad to welcome a number of new members and were especially pleased to see the younger members take such an interest in our Association. They will be the torchbearers in a very few years.

This year we are trying a new plan. The vice-presidents were elected with the understanding that each would represent one of our ancestral groups, and would actively promote the collection and arrangement of genealogical information for that line. Our main objective is the

publication, under the direction of our Genealogist, of a complete Knapp Genealogy. To this end we need the active help of our members. There is a vast amount of research and tabulation necessary to make the publication complete and accurate.

We bespeak your continued interest and cooperation, and hope to meet and greet all our old members and many new ones at our meeting next June.

## From Our Genealogist

Monday, after our K. F. A. meeting, we started for counties of Northern Pennsylvania, securing many records of Knapps. For example, Justus Knapp, son of Henry and Jemima Fish Knapp, whose residence had not been found before. He lived in Springville, Susquehanna Co., Pa. Will, 12-17-1873. Seven children. Definitely places ancestry of several families heretofore only partly traced. Arriving home, I found a letter giving full line of descendants of John Knapp and Electra Wilson. My correspondent had seen a notice of our annual meeting in a Scranton paper. Mr. D. Q. Brown gave us some facts concerning Ephraim Knapp, of Taunton, Mass., a Revolutionary soldier who lived in N. H., N. Y., and Brampton, Canada. In Brampton I secured nearly a complete line of descendants of his son Ephraim. I wish all descendants of any Knapp would keep me busy tabulating their records and connecting with original settler in America. I go mainly to a county-seat and dig up all possible data of all Knapps. Wills, births, marriages, deaths, children and local histories help, but must be checked for inaccuracies. Church and Bible records help.



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### Officers

1938-1939

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912 Fifth Ave., New York City.

**Genealogist**—Ezra Fred Knapp,  
Villahurst, Nedrow, N. Y.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

The second annual meeting of the Association was held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York, Saturday June 25th, with about fifty members in attendance. While most of those present were from New York or adjacent states, California,

Florida, Illinois and Indiana were also represented. Twenty-eight were descendants of Nicholas and one of William, Aaron and Roger being unrepresented—as far as was known. (Will some one figure that out?—Ed.) The name of our organization was changed to "The Knapp Family Association of America." To oblige members who plan to attend the World's Fair, the next annual meeting will be held at Hotel McAlpin, June 24, 1939. This should be a great meeting.

The President was authorized to appoint a committee on publication of the **Knapp Genealogy** and such other committees as he may deem necessary. The names of the officers elected will be found on this page. A brief **memorial service** was held in honor of members who died during the past year. The luncheon was an interesting occasion, affording opportunity for groups at the many tables to make new friends and to greet old ones. Of especial interest was the **Exhibit**, which included, among other things, a book of genealogical data-sheets copyrighted by Mr. David H. Knapp, of Indianapolis, Ind.; the Bible of Luke Knapp, born 1788, in Vergennes, Vt., presented to the Association by his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Alice Sylvester, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; several heirlooms inherited by William Hoyt Sylvester and Miss Maude Sylvester from their ancestress, Urania Cornelia Knapp, also given to the Association; a sampler shown by Miss Pauline A. Seely, and a button stamped with the Purdy coat-of-arms.

Dr. A. A. Knapp, in his report, expressed appreciation of the large amount of volunteer research and other work done by the officers and some members, and urged all members to contribute data and bring in new members. Our Genealogist reported an increase of 4,000 in the number of records received during the past year, bringing the total up to 20,000. The President and Mr. Dickson Q. Brown have helped him check the thousands of cards.

Mrs. C. T. Rodermund, of Ridgewood, N. J., delighted the gathering with vocal solos. Miss Pauline A. Seely, a librarian, and Alvah E. Knapp gave experiences in collecting family data, and Miss Elizabeth Horton stressed the need of a working membership.

Flowers were sent to Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown, our Treasurer, who was ill, and thanks extended to Mr. Brown, for their valued work for the Association.





## IN MEMORIAM

**Jacob Henry Knapp**, aged 70, prominent business man of Parkersburg, W. Va., died August 6, 1938, at his home, 1007 Quincy St., after a protracted illness. Surviving are his wife, Florence Riley Knapp; two children, J. H. Knapp, Jr. and Marjorie Knapp Workman; his aged mother, Mrs. John B. Knapp; two sisters and two brothers. Mr. Knapp was one of the most active members of this Association, for which he wrote several poems. His last poem appears on our first page.

**Selwyn Dennis Knapp**, of Troy, Pa., died May 6, 1938. He was an active and interested member of the Association, to which he had contributed many records. He had also been president of a Knapp Association in Pennsylvania.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Members present at the Annual Meeting will agree that we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson and her helpers for their painstaking and successful efforts to make the occasion enjoyable and successful. Take a bow, Mrs. Dickinson!

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Our Genealogist certainly genealogizes (if we may coin a word) instinctively. One would think this his vocation rather than the avocation he deems it. Few people know the years of labor and the sums of his own money he has expended in research. A small nosegay while you can enjoy it, Ezra Fred.

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Because of the pressure of her own work and of the Secretaryship of the Association, Mrs. Dickinson has asked to be relieved of editorial duties. The new Editor is, however, assured of the hearty cooperation of Mrs. Dickinson. All "copy" for the Bulletin should be sent directly to him.

## NEW LIFE MEMBER

Mr. Floyd G. Thompson, 524 W. 57th St., New York, N. Y.

## QUERIES

*Continued*

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47. Wanted: Ancestry of **Caleb Knapp**, b. 5-4-1765; d. 5-27-1855; m. 12-11-1784, Norfolk, Conn., to Rebecca Hoyt Raynsford (b. 1768. d. 1839); d. Mar-  
ion, N. Y.
48. Wanted: Any Knapp lines having Mayflower Ancestry.
49. Wanted: Ancestry of **Henry Cornelius Knapp**, b. 3-7-1798; m. Betsey Fenn; d. Washington, Conn., 4-10-1891 (Cemetery record.)
50. Wanted: Ancestry of **Darius Knapp**, b. 4-20-1791, probably in Columbia Co., N. Y.; m. 1815, Huldah Hoag; children, Leonard, Anna, Joel, Amos, Solomon, Ira and Rensseler. Amos b. New Lebanon, N. Y., 1828.
51. Wanted: Data concerning the **David Knapp** who is buried in Rayville, Columbia Co., N. Y., Quaker Cemetery.

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### Answer to Query 28, April, 1938, Issue of the Bulletin

**George Knapp**, b. 5-12-1802, R. I., and m. Betsy Lyon, was son of George Knapp, b. Exeter, R. I., 11-22-1769; d. 4-9-1845. He m. Mary Rathbone (b. Providence, R. I., 6-7-1672, d. 11-29-1857) 12-29-1799.

**George Knapp**, sr. was son of David Knapp and Deborah..... Mary Rathbone is a descendant of Richard Rathbone (1st gen.) Complete Knapp line back of David wanted.

Contributed by Flora Knapp Dickinson,  
Secretary.

## WHOSE ANCESTORS ARE THESE?

Ref.: "Pensioners Living in N. Y. State in 1840."

**Isual Knapp**, aged 79, living in New Windsor, Orange Co., with Isual Knapp.



**Benjamin Knapp**, aged 78, living Lima, Livingston Co.

**Moses Knapp**, aged 86, living Pompey, Onondaga Co., with Moses Knapp.

**Jared Knapp**, aged 88, living Warsaw, Genesee Co., with Jared Knapp.  
(Brother of Isaac Knapp who married Mary Gould.—FKD)

**Ephraim Knapp**, aged 83, living Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., with Moses Knapp.

**William Knapp**, aged 76, living Barton, Tioga Co., with William Knapp.

**Samuel Knapp**, aged 82, living Dryden, Tompkins Co., with Samuel Knapp.

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Ref.: N. Y. G. & B. Record, Vol. LIX, No. 1, p. 73, "Tompkins Co. Gravestone Inscriptions, Town of Groton, Peruville Cemetery."

**Samuel Knapp**, d. July 16, 1841, aged 91 yrs. A Rev. soldier.

Ref.: N. Y. G. & B. Rec. Vol. LIX, No. 3, p. 232, "Village Cemetery, Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y."

**Knapp, George D.** 1840-1917.  
**Israel**, 1807-1880.  
**Frances M.**, his wife, 1820-1868.  
**Horace M.**, 1854-  
**George E.**, 1847-1847.  
**Lavern**, 1856.  
**Amanda S.**, 1852-1911.

(These are all on one stone.)

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Ref.: N. Y. G. & B. Rec. Vol. 69, No. 3. "Records of Marriages, by Rev. Chauncey Graham, Churches of Rumbout and Poughkeepsie, N. Y."

**Aletha Knapp** and **Joseph Lane**, m. Aug. 7, 1751.

**Zephaniah Knapp** and **Millicent Roe**, m. Oct. 4, 1762.

Ref.: Albany Co. Births & Marriages, (Helderberg, Jerusalem & Salem) p. 151.

**Wheeler Knapp**, m. Dec. 8, 1796, Elizabeth McGee, daughter of John.

**Ethelbert Knapp**, b. 1836; m. Marilla Aylesworth (b. Bainbridge, N. Y.,

1832) Aug. 3, 1864. Their children were: Ezra, Dexter, Harriet and Nettie. Ethelbert Knapp in 1870 moved to Nebraska and took a homestead in Rising City. From there moved to Brittsville, Kansas. Died in 1881 and is buried in Beloit, Kans. His family settled at Lincoln Centre, Kans.

## "WANTS"

### OF OUR GENEALOGIST

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**Wanted: Ancestry of descendants of Knapps in Ohio.**

1. Alfred Knapp, act. 42, 1859 Census Greenfield Tp., Huron Co., Ohio. 2. Amos Knapp, to 1845, Penfield, Monroe Co., N. Y., then Huntington, Lorain Co., Ohio. 3. Descendants of James Duncan Knapp, mar. 10-21-1832 Diantha Rundle of Huron Co., O. Had at least five sons. 4. Judson Adoniram Knapp, b. 1830, Denmark Tp., Ashtabula Co., O. 5. Alanson B. Knapp, b. 1808, N. Y.; m. 1st Mary Ann Carver; 2nd Mary Alexander. 6. Peter Knapp, b. 1770; m. Phebe\_\_\_\_\_, Denmark Tp., Ashtabula Co., O. 7. Benjamin Knapp, b. about 181\_\_\_\_; m. Sarah Sutton, Marion Co., O. 8. Braddie Knapp, 1st Pastor Baptist Ch. 1848-1851, Jefferson & Denmark. O. m. Pearl Artman. 9. Brundage Knapp, b. 1773; mar. (2nd) Betsey Haynes, Bronson Tp., Huron Co., O. 10. Calvin Knapp, b. 1834, Ohio; m. Melissa\_\_\_\_\_, of Carlisle, Lorain Co., C. 11. Calvin H. Knapp, m. Lucy Ann Edwards, of Grafton, Lorain Co., O. 12. Calvin W. Knapp, m. 5-5-1849, Emily Gilmer, Marion Co., O. 13. Carey W. Knapp, b. 1839, Farmington, Ashtabula Co., O.; d. 6-4-1903. 14. Chandler B. Knapp, m. 3-6-1872, Almada Nichols, Sandusky Co., O. & Lenawee Co. Mich.

**Wanted: Contact with Ohio Knapp descendants. Much data on hand lacking definite proof of ancestry.**

Send all data to Ezra Fred Knapp, Nedrow, N. Y.

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We would suggest that all our members keep their family records up to date by sending our Genealogist a notation of all births, marriages and deaths as these occur, together with the immediate family background, so that he may accurately enter the items.



E. J. R. 7327

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### Presidential Message

We are glad to welcome so many new members to our Association, and to note that many of them take a real and active interest in our work. I hope we may have many more just like them. And may our old members redouble their efforts in seeking and reporting new and original research in town and county records. There is much work yet to be done.

Our Committee on Coat-of-Arms has been active, and we believe they will have something substantial to report at our Annual Meeting. They should be commended.

We hope our Publication Committee will find ways and means to get out a first volume of our Genealogy, including the first several generations, within the next year. It would be welcomed by our members, and would do more than anything else I know of to arouse interest in our Association and its work. Let us all help in any way we can.

We would be glad to have a report of progress from each of our Vice-Presidents and State Chairmen before our Annual Meeting on June 24, and trust that we will have the largest possible attendance. The New York World's Fair, with reduced railway fares will prove an additional incentive to attend. We hope to meet and greet you.

### "What and Why the Movement"

This ever-pertinent question, posed by Asa W. Judd, U. S. Commissioner, Fredonia, Arizona, and accompanied by Mr. Judd's "line" back to Nicholas Knapp, is relayed to us by our Genealogist, who answers it in substance as follows: People who are at all interested in the lines of heredity that have made them what they are, should help to secure facts relative to their ancestry, sending same to our genealogical clearing-house, where some one sufficiently interested in each and every family line can be depended upon to give the time and effort necessary

to connect them to others of the same stock. This we all owe to posterity. Had there been such an Association a century or two ago, all needed Knapp data would now be available. Any of us may have data that will solve the genealogical problem of some distant member of our line. Through the Association we "pool" all our resources for the common good. (Many thanks, Mr. Judd, for your "line." Perhaps you can be "eyes" for us in Arizona, where there must be other Knapps and records. We're just trying to help one another. "Come on in; the water's fine."—Editor).

### New Honors

Mr. Herbert Knapp Clinch, of New York City, sends us the following: "I see that our Secretary, Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson has been elected a 'Fellow of the Institute of American Genealogy, in recognition of her original research and meritorious contribution to the Archives of American Genealogy.' The New York Historical Association also recognizes her as an 'Historical Lecturer and Genealogist of exceptional training and experience.' Vol. XX, No. 1, January, 1939.

We are fortunate to have for our Secretary one who has reached such prominence, and I believe this is Interesting News."

### THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Third Annual Meeting of the Knapp  
Family Association of America  
will be held

Saturday, June 24, 1939

at

Hotel McAlpin  
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Mark this date on your Calendar.





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### Third Annual Meeting (Continued)

Plan to attend, with your family. Combine this with a visit to the World's Fair. A "get-together" program is being planned to interest all members. Have you suggestions? Please send them at once to Headquarters.

The Secretary of the Association will be General Chairman, and Miss Lulu Lawrence, 172 W. 105th St., New York City, will be Chairman of the Luncheon. Names of other chairmen will be given in later announcements of the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, Association President, with Mrs. Knapp and Miss Mary Knapp, their daughter, visited New York in January, en route to the western coast of Mexico via the Panama Canal. Dr. Knapp conferred with the Committee on Coat-of-Arms. A report of their findings will be given at the Annual Meeting.

### Please Take Notice

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Mrs. Sterling S. Jordan, of White Plains, N. Y., sends to Headquarters many newspaper clippings containing Knapp names. These often prove of value to our Genealogist. The Association is deeply appreciative of such contributions.

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### New Members

Mrs. A. F. McNally, St. Joseph, Missouri.  
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Mrs. Sarah Grover Carothers, Washington, Pa.



Miss Madeleine Bubier, Providence, R. I.  
 Mrs. Elbert Smith, Warren, Pa.  
 Miss Mary Daniel Knapp, Bethlehem, Pa.  
 Miss Florence Knapp, North Wales, Pa.  
 Miss Carrie Louise Knapp, Jefferson, O.  
 Charles Wilbur Knapp, Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Louisa D. Hardie, Westfield, N. J.

The Association extends a cordial welcome to these new members.

The name of Mrs. Samuel Hay, of Newport News, Va., as one of our Vice-Presidents, was received too late for the last Bulletin. We are glad to make the correction now.

We are happy to announce that Mr. D. Q. Brown, Assistant Treasurer of the Association, who has been ill for some weeks, is now convalescing and hopes to attend the Annual Meeting in June.

### IN MEMORIAM

With sorrow we record the death of two active members, who were present at both Annual Meetings, and will be greatly missed when we meet again June 24. The Association extends sympathy to their families.

Dr. William Canfield Dean, of Jericho, Long Island, N. Y., passed away August 21, 1938. He was the son of Franklin S. Dean and Keziah Canfield, Wayne Co., N. Y. He is survived by his wife, Grace Neal Dean.

Mrs. Clarence T. Rodermond, of Ridge-wood, N. J., Chairman of Music for the Association, and who delighted the members last June with her vocal solos, passed away October 4, 1938. She was the daughter of Enos Smith Jersey and Emma Sarah Knapp. A beautiful poem, "The Golden Echo," has been written by Sally Rodermond as a tribute to her.

### MORE KNAPP FAMILY DATA

Page 372, in the "Ingersoll Genealogy" (Descendents of John Ingersoll, of Huntington, Long Island) gives the following: Lois Ingersoll, b. Nov. 30, 1798, in Delaware Co., N. Y.; d. Plattsville, Wis.; m. 1824, James Desbrosses Knapp, son of Peter and Dinah Guion Knapp. He died Aug. 8, 1855, aged 56. Children: Jerusha, Spencer, Riley and Abram. Abram Knapp m. Alta Ingersoll and had Enos, Hannah, James Desbrosses, Jerusha, Peter, Riley, Spencer, Susie N. and Wm. Porter.

James Knapp, Uriah, Nathaniel, Caleb, Joshua, Nicholas, were descendents of my

Revolutionary ancestor, James Knapp, Private in Capt. Hait's Co., 5th Reg't, Conn. Line (S. P. Mead, p. 138). He m. Hannah Holley, b. Feb. 11, 1770, dau. of Stephen and Lois Holley, of Greenwich, Conn. Married Jan. 6, 1791. James, with his family, removed to Genoa, Cayuga Co., N. Y., about 1800. His children were: Lois, Arba, Rebecca (m. John Demond), William Isaac Holley (m. d. Niles, Mich., 1892), Cinderella, Aimee. James d. Genoa, 1847, and his wife d. there 1841.

William, son of James and Hannah, b. Genoa, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1804, m. Rachel Holley (b. Nov. 10, 1802) on May 23, 1827. Their children were: Margaret Eliza, Harriet Ophelia, Lewis Halsey, Stephen Kelley, George. The wife, Rachel Kelley Knapp, d. Genoa 1843, and on Feb. 5, 1844, William m. (2nd) Irene Swift Carpenter (b. Groton, Tompkins Co., N. Y.) May 12, 1822. Children by 2nd wife were: Byron Atwater, 1844-'46; Ellen Marilla, b. 1847 (m. a Mr. Grover); Edwin Bronson, b. 1850; d. 1912; m. Ethlowine Karkram; Carrie Louise, d. young; Rosa Eva, b. 1862; m. 1886, Mr. Grover; Allen Howe, b. 1862; m. 1889, Myra Bella Hammond.

(Contributed by Carrie Velma Knapp, Lake Worth, Fla.)

Rehoboth Vital Records, p. 177: "Mary Hix, of Rehoboth, to Aaron Knapp, of Taunton, March 29, 1775."

Some Mass. and Maine "Knapp" data ("Bangor Historical Magazine," Vol. I.): \*Married, 1801, Gideon Knapp to Sarah Mann, both of Orrington, Me. \*\* Mar. Aug. 8, 1795, Robert Campbell and Betsey Knapp, of Orrington. \*\*\* Mar. Nov. 17, 1796, Wm. Eddy and Rachel Knapp. Mar. Jan. 15, 1793, Thos. Campbell, Jr., and Sarah Knapp, of Eddington. Vol. VII., p. 191: Gideon Knapp, from Mansfield, Mass., settled in Brewer, Me., 1850. Vol. VI., p. 94: Children of Samuel and Rachel Grover Knapp: Sylvia, b. 1769; Rachel, b. 1771; Sabra, b. 1772; m. Thos. Campbell, of Brewer; had nine children.—\*\* Betsey, b. 1774; m. Robert Campbell, of Bangor, Me.; had seven children; \*Gideon Grover Knapp, b. 1777; m. Rachel (Sarah) Mann. \*\*\* Rachel Pratt Knapp, b. 1779; m. Wm. Eddy, Jr.; Hepsibah Knapp, b. 1781; m. Bradley Blackman. Roxana Knapp, b. 1783; m. Samuel Osgood, of Exeter. Moses Knapp, b. 1787; m. Abigail Eddy; had eleven children.—Samuel, Hiram, John N., Sabra S. Sewell C., Cyrus, James I., Sylvia S., Abby A., Levi G., Salome S.

(Contributed by Mildred Carver Carpenter, Worcester, Mass.)





## QUERIES

(Continued)

Please number your answers to correspond with number of the "query," and send to Ezra Fred Knapp, Knapp Association Genealogist, Nedbrow, N. Y., or to Headquarters. The answers will be given in future issues of the Bulletin.

Symbols: b—born; m—married; d—died.

52. Did Samuel Knapp, Taunton, Mass., b. circa 1688, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Cobb Knapp, have two wives? Wanted: Names of wives and children, with dates, places and proof.
53. When did Atherton Knapp, b. circa 1745, Raynham, Mass., die? Intention to marry Mary Hayward, of Canton, Mass., Apr. 19, 1777.
54. Who were the parents and grandparents of John Knapp, b. Apr. 18, 1769, Horseneck, Conn.? He mar. Martha Brown Apr. 16, 1793.
55. Who were the parents of Abigail Knapp, who m., 1692, John Crissey?
56. Was Ebenezer Knapp (son of Moses, son of Caleb, son of Nicholas) who m. Elizabeth Smith, the father of Martha Knapp who m. Joseph Lull?
57. Whose daughter was Catherine Knapp, who m. Abraham Sneden, Jr.,? He was son of Abraham Sneden, who, in N. Y. City, Nov. 4, 1759, m. Rachel Swartwout. It is probable that Sneden's Landing, Rockland Co., N. Y., was named for this family.
58. Whose daughter was Catherine Knapp, of Warwick, N. Y., who m. in Goshen, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1833, Reuben Miller, of Goshen?
59. Wanted: Information concerning the family of William Knapp (son of Caleb, son of Caleb, son of Joshua, son of Nicholas). B. Sept. 21, 1751, Round Hill, Conn.; d. Chester, Orange Co., N. Y., June 12, 1817. Rev. soldier. He m. 1st (when? where?) Catherine Swartwout (b. when? d. when? dau. of whom? How many children?) He m. 2nd in Goshen, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1782, Mary Holley (b. when? d. when?)

In his Will in Goshen (Liber F., p. 146), made Apr. 19, 1817, and probated June 21, 1817, he mentioned only the following heirs without naming their respective mothers: Wife Mary and children; Caleb, William R., Joseph, Charles, Samuel (a minor), Jabez, Nathaniel R., Clemence Vail, Elizabeth Fulton. Would like dates of birth of these children and names of those whom they married.

(Queries 56-59 submitted by Miss Elizabeth Horton, Middleton, N. Y.)

Contributed by Flora Knapp Dickinson: Pensioners living in New York State (See Bulletin, Vol. II, No. 2) have been identified as follows: ("Isual" Knapp should be "Usual" Knapp.)

Usual Knapp m. 1788, Abigail Hait. Children were: Samuel Weed Knapp, Handford Knapp, Raymond Knapp, and probably others. See "Abstracts 1st Cong'l Church, Stamford, Conn.," by Mead.

William Knapp, aet. 76, living in Barton, N. Y. He m. Fanny Temple; was son of Paul Knapp and Patty Liscom. Moses, of Pompey, N. Y., m. Amy Sprague.

Ephraim Knapp, b. Sept. 27, 1762, Norton, Mass. His children were: Moses, Caleb, John, Joshua, Ephraim, Benjamin. This may give a lead as to his parents. See Query No. 9.

Aletha Knapp, m. Joseph Lane, b. Dec. 8, 1730, of Moses and Elizabeth Ogdin. Knapp. Wheeler Knapp, son of James and Eunice Morehouse Knapp, was of the Roger Knapp line.

Our Genealogist wants ancestry and descendants of:

1. David Knapp, b. 1780-'90; m. Polly—? of Florence Township, Huron Co., Ohio; brother of Reuben, d. 1833.
2. David Knapp, b. 1767; d. Jan. 7, 1838, Cherry Valley; m. Sophia—?
3. Dennis Knapp, b. 1822-'25, N. Y.; d. July 4, 1895, Hartland, Ohio; m. Jan. 10, 1847, Susan Montrose.
4. Elisha Knapp, Jan. 16, 1832; rec'd land Florence T'p, Huron Co., O., from Hannah Hunter for \$120—rights to estate of Reuben Knapp (deceased). In 1846, Rochester O., Lot 5, fifty-three acres, to John M. Knapp.

## IMPORTANT

May we not have at our Annual Meeting a report from every officer, including State Chairmen? Either bring it, or send it to our Secretary.

Our President suggests that each member send to his local and county papers a notice of the Annual Meeting, with a short item concerning the Association and its objects.

Please do this, and send clippings from your papers to Headquarters for the scrapbook. It will encourage the officers to know that each member is helping.

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# The Knapp Family Association of America BULLETIN

Descendants from NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, AARON, AND ROGER KNAPP

*"In treasuring up the Memorials of the fathers,  
We best manifest our regard for posterity."*

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October 1939

EDITOR, ALVAH EDWARD KNAPP, FORT JOHNSON, N. Y.

## REPORT OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

On June 24, 1939, the Third Annual Meeting was held at Hotel McAlpin, New York, N. Y., with an attendance of 55, about one-third of the total membership. A wonderful showing was it not? Seven states were represented—Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

In the attractive Blue Room of the McAlpin, Association officers welcomed members as they arrived. There was time in which to meet other members and to view the exhibits. Among those which attracted much attention were a Family Chart, written before 1800; several pieces of antique jewelry; heirlooms of various kinds, and a map of the United States, showing the 35 states in which this Association has members.

After registering, members were given satin ribbon badges of a golden brown color bearing, in gold lettering, the words, "Knapp Family Association of America," and a small card with member's name. After removing the card and pin, the ribbon may be used as a book mark, thus making a useful souvenir of the occasion.

Reports of officers and chairmen gave proof of the great amount of work carried on. The treasurer's report, showing a considerable balance, gave evidence of wise planning with careful spending on the part of the executive committee. A growing interest in the Association "Bulletin" was reported by the editor, as shown in the many letters from librarians requesting that all future copies be sent to them.

The Knapp coat-of-arms, adopted by unanimous vote, for use by the Association, is the one used on the Knapp stationery.

The by-laws were amended, increasing the annual dues to \$2, but this action is not retroactive; that is, renewals for those joining before June 24, 1939, will be only \$1.

A proposal to have "Junior Memberships" with a small fee was made by a member who has seven grandchildren. The President appointed Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fred Knapp to consider this proposition and send a report for the Bulletin.

Mr. Oswald Greenway Knapp, of Dorset, England, author of "The Knapps of England and America," was elected to Honorary Membership in this Association—an honor given because of Mr. Knapp's helpful suggestions and presentation of an autographed copy of his book to the Association.

The election of officers resulted in choosing three new Vice Presidents as given in list of officers for ensuing year.

The selection of place and time for next year's meeting brought forth many suggestions. Letters were read from members in western states asking that the meeting be held in the West. Final decision resulted in choice of New York, June 29, 1940. The consensus of opinion was that more would attend in New York, but that local meetings could be held whenever and wherever a group of members would join together. This subject is open for further suggestions. Which state will make a bid for the annual meeting in 1941? Send your invitations to headquarters, and also have them ready for the annual meeting in 1940.

A delicious luncheon was served in the adjoining "Green Room." After the picture was taken, every member was introduced, standing to acknowledge the roll call of his name with place of residence. Many in the group had attended the other two annual meetings, so were renewing friendships made then.

The afternoon program was devoted largely to speakers. Dr. A. A. Knapp gave a most interesting address of welcome, expressing appreciation not only to officers and chairmen for their untiring efforts in carrying on the activities of the Association.



## THE KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Organized September 2, 1936

The objects are: To honor and perpetuate the memory of our immigrant ancestors; to collect and preserve information concerning them and their descendants; and to aid our Genealogist as best we may in compiling and publishing the "Knapp Family Genealogy."

Life Membership is \$10.

Annual Membership is \$2.

For membership cards, extra copies of the Bulletin and information relative to this Association, write to the Secretary. Association Headquarters, 489 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

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### REPORT OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

tion, but also to those who showed their interest by attending the annual meetings. Again he urged all to take a more active part in securing memberships among their relatives. Miss Consuelo Furman, co-author with her father of "Furman Homes and Sites," gave many helpful hints on publishing family books. In closing, she said: "Let us publish our genealogies and individual manuscripts, so that those seeking information may benefit by our work and experience. If we preserve our records today, the

generations as yet unborn 'may well stand up and call us blessed.'" Many incidents concerning his ancestress, Goodwife Knapp, first wife of Roger Knapp, were related by Farwell Knapp, attorney of Bridgeport, Conn. In a scholarly but most amusing way, he hinted that her mind was evidently so keen it was not understood by those of her times. She was executed for witchcraft. Speaking on "Footnotes on Genealogy," David G. Knapp, of Elmhurst, N. Y., gave most enlightening suggestions of "source material," and little-known reference lists in libraries. This list is now on file with the Knapp archives and sometime the Association hopes to print it. Mr. Knapp has copyrighted a genealogical chart, which is one of the best forms we have seen. Ezra Fred Knapp, Association genealogist, told of the great amount of data received since the Association was organized, especially stressing the imperative need now of financial aid to speed preparation of these records for publication. "Knapps of Orange Co., N. Y.," was the subject of a delightful talk by Miss Elizabeth Horton from Middletown, N. Y. She has contributed many records to the Association as a result of her searches in that county. The Association secretary told of amusing incidents found in letters, with data, sent to headquarters, quoting odd epitaphs and inscriptions which had also been contributed.

Members lingered long after the meeting closed, exchanging ideas and making plans to meet again next year.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS

Thanks to all who sent clippings from their local papers, with notice of annual meeting, to headquarters. Many have been received. This is further proof of interest and co-operation.

Mr. J. Crawford Hartman, of Brooklyn, who is preparing a Blanchard Family Genealogy, has sent us some "Blanchard-Knapp Data," for which we thank him. The Association is glad to exchange data with other Associations or authors.

Our Association is very happy to record the news that Dr. A. A. Knapp, of Peoria, Ill., our President, was elected Surgeon General of the General Society Mayflower Descendants, at its 15th General Congress, September 5-7, in Plymouth, Mass. We congratulate Dr. Knapp on receiving this honor.

Committee on Junior Membership reports that "Junior Membership" group will include those from 1 to 15 years of age, whose lineage is verified the same as adult members, Junior fee, 50 cents annually.





Greetings go to those who were ill and unable to attend the meeting, with the hope that each is rapidly gaining health. Those reported ill at the time of the meeting were Dickson Q. Brown, former assistant treasurer; Harry S. Knapp and Amos Canfield, former vice presidents.

Letters expressing regret because they could not attend the annual meeting were received from Fred Church Knapp, president Knapp Lumber Co., Portland, Ore.; Miss Madeline Bubier, Providence, R. I.; John McSweeney, Ladora, Iowa; Mrs. Nella Bird Vidaver, Hollywood, Calif.; George Nelson Knapp, Sierra Madre, Calif., and many others. John McSweeney contributed a fine booklet of typed data on the "Roger Knapp" line. These letters were greatly appreciated at headquarters.

"It was certainly a pleasure to find a representative group of Americans who take their ancestry seriously, and who are unselfish enough to get together and to help each other. We now realize that a family gathering is not interested only in genealogy, but talks about what's what on most any subject."—A Guest.

"We found it very enjoyable meeting all those people, and we are keeping the photograph to remind us how they look in case—which isn't likely—we should forget."—Two Sisters.

### IN MEMORIAM

With sympathy to the husband and children, we record, with sorrow, the death of Mrs. A. Harold Close, May 16, 1939. Mrs. Close was a genealogist and had contributed many of her records to the Association. Her residence was High Ridge, Stamford, Conn.

Dickson Q. Brown, former President and Director of the Royalty Corporation of America, died on September 11, at his home in New York City.

Mr. Brown was the husband of our Association Treasurer, Marion B. Brown, and last year was the Assistant Treasurer. He was one of the most active members of this Association, having done an immense amount of Knapp research work, results of which he contributed to the Association. Our officers and members will greatly miss his genial personality. Deepest sympathy is extended to his widow.

"To live in the hearts of those we love,  
is not to die."

### NEW MEMBERS

Urrea Joseph Knapp—b. June 12, 1848, Westport, N. Y., son of Isaac Knapp and Margaret Eldridge. Residence, Mineville, Essex Co., N. Y. (Probably our oldest member, now 91).

Miss Florence Knapp—North Wales, Pa., Life Member.

Zadock Knapp Judd, Jr.,—Kanab, Utah.

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Miss Ila G. Grover—Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Lola M. Grover—Bridgeport, Conn.

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Mrs. Clara Knapp Osowski — Sherburne, N. Y.

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It has been suggested that if 40 new Life Members or 200 more Annual Members could be secured, the work of preparing the "Knapp Family data" for publication could go ahead at once. The first expense to be covered is the typing and correction of "copy." Perhaps we have some member who would like to contribute an amount to cover this expense as a Memorial to his ancestors. How will you, dear reader, help?

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## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

## Query

22. In re "Israel Knapp" in Dutchess Co., N. Y., record "Married in Fishkill, N. Y., Thursday last (10th, 1819) by Rev. Mr. Crane, Mr. Israel Knapp and the amiable Miss Sally Emiline Fowler, of Fishkill, N. Y.
36. Parents of John Knapp b. 1772, July 22, who m. Eleanor McVaugh, were Benj. and Sarah Smith Knapp of Peekskill.
52. Samuel Knapp, of Taunton, Mass., b. abt. 1687, m. Sarah Austin. Had one son, Jonathan.
- Another correspondent writes "The Registry of Deeds at Taunton, Mass., confirms the fact that George Knapp, b. 1707?, was a son of Samuel Knapp and wife, Hannah. This George Knapp m. Apr. 11, 1745, Sarah Atherton, and had son, Atherton Knapp of Raynham, Mass." Was this the same "Samuel?"
53. Atherton Knapp d. at Raynham, Mass. Date unknown.
54. This "John Knapp" was son of "Eli and ? Knapp, son of John and Abigail Close Knapp."
55. Abigail Knapp was dau. of Moses and Abigail Wescott Knapp.
59. William Knapp m. (1) Catharine Swarthout, had son, Caleb Knapp, b. 7-5-1777., m. (2) Mary Holly. Children by second wife: Clarence; William Rundle, Elizabeth; Jabez; Joseph; Chas.; Nathaniel; Samuel Holly. (Dr. A. A. Knapp has further information).

Note—William Knapp, Jabez Knapp, and Caleb Knapp (bros. and sons of Caleb Knapp and Amy Rundle) married three Holly sisters, Mary, Hannah and Martha, respectively. The Holly sisters were daus. of Joseph and Mary Drake Holly, gr-daus. of John Drake, son of Joseph Janzen Draack, emigrant from Holland.

## QUERIES

Please number your answers to correspond with number of "query" and send to Ezra Fred Knapp, genealogist. Answers will be published in future issues of the Bulletin.

Symbols: b—born; m—married; d—died.

60. Who were parents of "Maria Leek Knapp, m. Erastus Platt?" These families were of Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y.
61. Wanted: "Parents of Sumner Knapp and sister, Lucretia." Some descendants are now in Vermont.
63. Wanted: "Parents of Hiram Leonard Knapp, who had sons, Walter Ferdi-

nand and Ralph G. Knapp." Believed to be from Maine branch of Knapps.

64. Wanted: Ancestry of "Abigail Knapp who m. in Florida, N. Y. September 5, 1756, Christian Snitaker."
65. Who was the wife of Timothy Knapp, son of Nicholas, and who was the wife of his son, Timothy?
66. Did Timothy, Sr., son of Nicholas, have more than the one child, Timothy, Jr.?
67. Did Reuben Knapp, son of Caleb and Hannah (Clements) Knapp have a family? If so, whom?
68. Please give us the children of David and Rachel (Close) Knapp.
69. Tell what you can of the confusion over the various Moses Knapps of the first three or four generations and give us the correct ancestry, daus., wives and families of the various individuals. Is there a generation missing among the various Moses?
70. Who can give information of the names or parentage of the Miss Taylor who m. John Knapp, son of Samuel and Hannah (Bushnell) Knapp?
71. Who can name the parents of Benjamin Knapp, buried Shrub Oak Presbyterian Church Cemetery, N. Y.? He d. 8-3-1835, m. Elizabeth . . . , who d. 4-16-1814 ae 52.
72. Who were ancestors of David D. Knapp, who lived in Falconer, N. Y., in 1914? and of Ira Knapp of Mamakating, N. Y., d. 1891, ae 76.
73. In Preston, Pa., Ira Knapp, d. 9-29-1864, wife, Filena Lee. Wanted ancestors of Ira.

## CORRECTIONS TO QUERIES

Query 17—(second correction) should have read: "Wanted parents of Lucy Knapp, b. in Orange Co., N. Y., m. (1). . . Buchanan, and had dau. Anna, who married Justus Lyon. Lucy Knapp m. (2) Jonathan Cory, Jr. She died 1826."

Query 7—Should have been: Wanted parents of "John Knapp, b. 12-26-1764, Orange Co., N. Y., d. 12-28-1840, Yates Co., N. Y. He m. Sarah Green 7-2-1795."

P. 19, 2nd Par., Col. 2—Place comma between words "Wm. (,) Isaac Holley" to show that they were two sons of James Knapp.

Same paragraph: Should be Wm. b. Genoa, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1804, m. Rachel Kelly (not Holly).

Ellen Marilla Knapp b. 1847, m. Wm. J. Grover, of Potter Co., Pa., Rose Eva Knapp . . . . m. John James Grover.



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*"God sifted a whole nation that he might  
Send choice grain into the wilderness."*

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Editor, MRS. FLORA KNAPP DICKINSON, 489 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

April, 1940

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. A. A. Knapp**

Our next Annual Meeting will be held at Hotel McAlpin, New York City, on June 29, 1940. We expect a large attendance again this year and all members and friends of the Association are invited to come and enjoy this meeting. The good fellowship and enthusiasm shown at the last meeting makes these gatherings most enjoyable, as well as profitable to all. Bring your old records, with family relics to add to the exhibit—one of the most attractive features each year. We also urge every member to send in a copy of all their family Bible records, with other general information concerning family residences, to the genealogist for preservation in the Association archives. Be sure to give full names, place of birth, residence, marriage, death and burial places with all dates. This information about each family is necessary in preparing the **Knapp Genealogy**. If you do not do your part, valuable family data may be lost forever. We solicit your full cooperation and hope to greet you at our meeting in June.

## FROM OUR GENEALOGIST

**Ezra Fred Knapp**

From St. Petersburg, Fla., where our genealogist and his wife have been spending the winter comes a greeting to all members. On their way north Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fred will stop in Washington and other places to copy and verify Knapp records. He requests all members who have queries for the Annual Meeting to correspond with him about them, so that he may be prepared with answers, if possible, to find them among his records.

**"BE A BOOSTER FOR YOUR  
ASSOCIATION."**

## FROM OUR TREASURER

**Marion B. Brown**

Many renewal dues have been received, which shows continued interest, and personal notes have been enjoyed. The treasurer hopes you will help her to have a report for the annual meeting of 100% paid-up renewals.

## GOOD NEWS!!

Have you seen the January 1940 issue of **AMERICANA**? It contains, on its cover page, the **KNAPP FAMILY** coat-of-arms in color, and an article on this family from the Nicholas branch. The Association is pleased to pass on this good news.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you for your letter and formal announcement of my election as Honorary Member of the Knapp Family Association. I am very glad if I have been, in any way, useful to the Society.

"If any information is desired about the origins of the name, or families which bore it here (England), the results of sixty years' investigation are at your disposal."—Oswald G. Knapp.

Mr. Knapp, now over 80 years old, or rather "80 years young," recently wrote a very interesting letter to Dr. A. A. Knapp, telling of conditions in England during these trying war times. The letter is too long to quote here, but will be read at the Annual Meeting. We so much appreciate Mr. Knapp's deep interest in all Association undertakings.

Copies of each issue of this Bulletin are sent to seventy-six Genealogical, State, and City Libraries for their Accessions Department. Letters of appreciation show how much they value the subject matter.





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## FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING *will be held*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1940**

at Hotel McAlpin

Thirty-fourth Street and Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

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Mark this date on your calendar, and plan to be present, with your family.

Combine this with a visit to the New York World's Fair.

## PLANS FOR

### FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

An interesting program, including music and other new features, is already being planned. The General Chairman will be the Association Secretary, Mrs. Dickinson. In charge of Luncheon Reservations will again be Miss Lulu A. Lawrence, 172 West 105th Street, New York City. Mrs. Heathe Gregory, 166 West 75th Street, New York City, will be chairman of Music and Reception, while Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, 254 Martine Avenue, White Plains, N. Y. has consented to again take charge of the Exhibits. These names and addresses are given at this time so that all members, having any suggestions for the different chairmen will know where to send them. All who brought exhibits for previous meetings and all who will bring any for this one are requested to notify Mrs. Jordan, so that she can arrange space for them. Family Charts, Samplers, and Bible records are especially desired, though any "Knapp" relics will be received.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bulletin, issued semi-annually in October and April, is sent free to all members, who are not in arrears for the current year's dues. Additional copies for members may be obtained from headquarters for 10c each.

The K. F. A. has a list of over 200 Knapp ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War. Information concerning these will be given to members.

Much very helpful data on the "Knapp-Blanchard" lines has been exchanged as a result of a note in the October Bulletin, concerning this. We hope to hear from other Family Associations who may wish to exchange such data.

Mrs. Vinetta Wells Ranke, a Knapp descendant, has recently compiled "The Blackburn Genealogy," included in which is an account of the Wells Family of Southold, N. Y. and intermarriages with the Blackburns. Congratulations Mrs. Ranke!!

In her recent book on the "Keeler-Wood Family," Mrs. Samuel Knapp Frost of Brooklyn, states that Nicholas Knapp was born in Bury, St. Mary's England.





Among the newly elected officers of the George Rogers Clark Chapter, S.A.R. is Vice-President, Dr. A. A. Knapp. This is our Dr. Knapp, President of the KFA.

Miss Lena C. Knapp, one of our members in Chicago, has recently started for Korea to take part in Missionary work there for an indefinite period.

The Eells Family Association, organized at Milford, Conn., August 25, 1939, will hold its next meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Our member, Mrs. Harriet Eells Duncan, of Milford is Secretary.

New members of the Association, whom we are very happy to welcome, are the following:

Lewis Ralph Jones, Prof.-Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc., whose summer home is in Brookneid, Vt. A Life Member.

Mrs. Esther Ford, Kanab, Utah.

Asa W. Judd, Fredonia, Ariz.

Mrs. H. F. Mentley, Middletown, N. Y.

Mrs. R. E. Halstead, Middletown, N. Y.

Miss Dorothy J. Knapp, Hamburg, N. J.

Mr. R. I. Knapp, Keene, N. Y.

Our member, Miss Addie M. Crowe, writing from Owasso, Mich., says: "Please be sure that I do talk Knapp Genealogy every chance I have and would love to be able to secure new members." Such interest is appreciated by the Association. Sympathy is extended to Miss Crowe who recently suffered from a broken arm.

## IN MEMORIAM

Justice Clyde W. Knapp, of the Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District, died February 2. His home was at Lyons, N. Y. In 1929 he was elected to the Supreme Court with Republican and Democratic indorsement. To his family the Association extends sympathy. Judge Knapp was one of our distinguished members. He was invited to speak at the last Annual Meeting, but because of illness at that time could not accept.

## SERGEANT UZAL KNAPP

Last of Washington Life Guards.

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Uzal Knapp was in the 6th generation from Nicholas Knapp of Watertown, Mass., through Nathaniel, sr., Lt. John, John, Caleb and Nicholas.

He was born, according to pension re-

cords, about 1761; Stamford, Conn, records, 1763; and the monument record, 1759. His father, Nathaniel Knapp, Sr., was born in 1728 in Stamford, Conn. and died 1804. He married first Jemimah Ward in Newark, N. J., May 31, 1750-1. She died before 1782. Nathaniel, Sr.'s Will, made February 4, 1797, probated September 10, 1804, names his second wife, Margaret Rawlins, and his children, except UZAL.

Uzal married in Stamford, Conn., February 14, 1788, Abigail Haight (Hoyt), daughter of Samuel and Dinah Hanford Hoyt. Their children were:

1. **Samuel Ward Knapp** b. December 1, 1788, d. April 17, 1873, md. 1816, Hannah Jarvis.

2. **John Hanford Knapp** b. October 24, 1790, d. November 2, 1865, md. 1823.

3. **Lavinia Knapp** b. January 30, 1793, d. November 2, 1855, md. March 23, 1822, Abraham Van Orsdale.

4. **Raymond** b. October 30, 1794, d. March 25, unmarried.

5. **Nancy H.** b. April 30, 1798, d. August 27, 1878, unmarried.

6. **Nathaniel**, b. October 22, 1800, d. 1825.

7. **Sally Maria** b. April 17, 1803, d. June 1, 1844, md. April 9, 1840, Henry Still.

8. **Edson Knapp** b. January 15, 1806, d. June 22, 1875, md. and had one child.

9. **Abigail Jane** b. August 20, 1809, d. 1897, unmarried.

The seventh child, Sally Maria who married Henry Still, named their son, b. November 7, 1843, **Uzal Knapp Still**. He married, March 31, 1869, Sylvia Ann Cadwell. They had a son, Henry Still, who was a photographer in Middletown, N. Y., where he died in 1922. His son, A. H. Still, is married and living in Port Jervis, N. Y.

Sally Maria Knapp Still and Henry Still also had three daughters: Clara, md. J. J. Shoemaker, lived in Michigan; Genevieve and Mrs. Clarence Fay, of Newark, N. J.

**Sergeant Uzal Knapp**, died January 10, 1856. He was buried in Goodwill Cemetery, Montgomery, N. Y. (where his wife is buried), but his body was later removed to the grounds of Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh, N. Y. a fitting resting place for one who had been with Washington at Monmouth, Valley Forge, and Yorktown as indicated by his monument. From his obituary in a Middletown, N. Y. newspaper, it was stated that he was given a Military Funeral



because of his Revolutionary War Services under Washington. The monument on the grounds of Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh, N. Y. bears the following inscription:

"The last of the Life Guards

UZAL KNAPP

Born 1759 Died 1856

Monmouth Valley Forge Yorktown"

**So lived and died a Knapp Patriot!!**

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Please send in data for other Articles. (This is the first of "Special Articles" to be featured in each issue of the Bulletin, written on some "Knapp" ancestor or descendant). Material for this article was contributed by Miss Elizabeth Horton, one of our Vice-Presidents.

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See Queries in previous Bulletins)

42. **Sgt. Elijah Knapp** and **Sarah Watkins** were married at Basking Ridge, N. J. Our 4th V. P., **David G. Knapp**, can furnish more information on this query.

63. There was a **Hiram Knapp** md. **Sophronia Brown**, July 1, 1835, Berlin, Vt. He was b. May 16, 1804, Alstead, N. H. This may be a clue. They lived in Walpole, N. H.; Danville, Lyndon and St. Johnsbury, Vt.; and Boston, Mass. where he d. December 7, 1876.

Query P. 16.....Knapps in Ohio. Parts 8 and 13 are answered as follows:

**Rev. Bradford S. Knapp**, b. in Vermont, m. **Mary Wolcott**, also of Vermont. He d. February 22, 1850. His son was **Carey W. Knapp**, b. Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio, February 14, 1839, moved to Geneva, Ohio in 1872 where he m. (1) **September 1, 1887**, **Minnie L. Canon**, dau. of **Porter Canon** and **Mary Olds Canon**. She d. August 20, 1885. He md. (2) **Mrs. Nettie Teachout Maltbie**, of Jackson, Mich.

**Carey W. Knapp** was a member of the **Knapp & Pratt Mfg. Co.** Ref.: see **Biographical History of North-eastern Ohio**. Also full account of **Obed Knapp** and wife, **Lovina M. Fleming**, of **Oswego Co., N. Y.** Pioneered to **Trumbull Co., Ohio** and later to **Ashtabula Co.** He was son of **Rufus Knapp** and **Ann Burgess**, natives of N. Y. State. **Rufus**, son of **David Knapp**. **Rufus** and **Anna Burgess Knapp's** children were: **Da-**

**vid**, **Benjamin**, **Eliza A.**, **Obed**, **Ira**, **Sophia**, **Edwin**, **Mary Jane**, **Martin**, **Rufus**, **Margaret**. Ref.: Same as above.

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74. Wanted parents of the following Knapps (mostly in Yates Co., N. Y.) who intermarried with the **Fitz Randolph** families there:

**Eliza Amelia Knapp** md. **Byron Fitz Randolph**. She was his second wife.

**Emaline Knapp** md. **James Bell Fitz Randolph**.

**Theron Knapp** md. **Salina Fitz Randolph**.

**Henry Knapp** md. **Elizabeth Fitz Randolph**. (Mrs. **Harry S. F. Randolph**, who has much **Randolph** data will exchange such data).

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Correction to statement.....P. 23, **Ure-a Joseph Knapp** is a grandson, not son, of **Isaac** and **Margaret Knapp**.

## NOTES

Members may send in "Queries" for a question box during the Annual Meeting.

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**Correspondence Paper**, white, double-sheet, with envelopes, paper engraved in blue with **Knapp Family Coat-of-Arms**, may be had for \$1.35 per box of one quire, postage paid. Send order, with check, to **Mrs. D. Q. Brown**, 144 East 36th Street, New York, N. Y. Why not order this paper for yourself and as gifts for your **Knapp** relatives?

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Correspondence is invited from genealogical Societies and associations of families allied with the **Knapp Families** for the exchange of **Bulletins** if so desired.





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*Descendants from NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER, AND AARON KNAPP*

*"A Man is but the sum of his ancestors"—EMERSON*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. A. A. Knapp**

Greetings to the Knapp Family  
Association of America:

All who attended will remember with pleasure our most successful Annual Meeting last June. I only wish more of our members could arrange to be present. The most important business was to begin, in earnest, the plans for preparation of Manuscript records for our "Knapp Genealogy." Volume I will contain the first six or seven generations of the Nicholas line. Our Genealogist and assistants are now engaged in compiling data and arranging it for the printer. The details of this task are many and include an enormous amount of painstaking work, as well as the expenditure of a large amount of money. Will you not all help as much as you can by sending in your family records now, complete to the smallest detail of names, dates, places of residence, biography, etc., including everything down to the present time? This would be a great help in making our records more accurate. Many items are still not proven. Please give sources of information, as Bible records, grave, military or civil records, old wills, deeds, and letters—anything that will prove your statements. Would you not like to help also, by sending to me as Chairman of the Publication Committee, some contribution of money for this Fund, to be used in preparing the data for print? About \$200 has already been raised, not half of the amount needed. Whether this first volume can be completed this year or next depends entirely upon your personal generosity and response. Your assistance will be appreciated and will make this book of more value to you and to future generations.

## Report of the

### FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

**Flora Knapp Dickinson, Secretary**

With an attendance of fifty members, representing eight states, the fourth annual meeting proved to be one of the best yet held. Seven officers were present, and others sent letters of regret. The informal reception, in charge of Mrs. Heate Gregory, gave an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones, and time in which to view the relics. The exhibition was attractively arranged by the chairman, Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan.

Of special importance and interest to those not able to attend this meeting, is, I judge, the "business session," so first the news of that. Two amendments were made to the By-Laws, as follows:

Art. I, Sec. 1, was amended to read—

"Any one, joining the Association (as an annual member) after July 1 of any year, will not be required to pay dues again until January 1 of the second year following;" and

Art. III, Sec. 2, to read, "All officers shall be elected to serve for a two-year term, beginning with the election in 1941."

The president was empowered to appoint a custodian who would take charge of the relics throughout the year, and an historian to prepare an annual history of Association activities. Mrs. George Kuhner, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. was appointed Custodian, and Mrs. Wm. F. Carter, Indianapolis, Ind., as Historian. Dr. Knapp reported that the Executive committee felt each vice-president should have a definite work to do and that he would soon assign a specific duty to each one. Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown, treasurer, offered to serve as Membership Committee Chairman. The greatest interest and longest discussion centered about the subject of "Publication Committee" with Dr. Knapp as Chairman, and to ask for voluntary contributions for this fund.

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**Everybody Help, NOW!!**





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Mrs. Holbert, of Warwick, N. Y. proposed placing a memorial tablet on the old "Uzal Knapp" House in Newburgh. (See Bulletin April 1940) This suggestion met with unanimous approval, final action being left to the executive committee. Present officers were re-elected for one year. After much discussion, it was voted to hold the Fifth Annual Meeting on June 28, 1941, at Hotel McAlpin, New York City.

The luncheon, in charge of Miss Lulu Lawrence, was greatly enjoyed, officers and members being seated at round tables, each with covers for eight. With the added attraction of the guest artist, Miss Robertina Robertson who graciously gave two groups of songs, the afternoon program seemed all too short. The "Knapp Genealogical Quiz," prepared by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Dickinson, afforded not only entertainment but much information. It consisted of fourteen questions and answers, given out to members in the audience. Some asked to have these printed in the Bulletin but space does not permit. Questions from a "Quiz on Preparation of Family Genealogy for Publication" were given and answered as follows:

How much family data is ready for publication? by Dr. Knapp and Ezra Fred Knapp.

What are your ideas about form of publication? by Mrs. Carter and David G. Knapp.

How have other family Associations financed their publications? by Mrs. Kuhner who told what the Reynolds family did.

These Quizzes brought forth an informal discussion concerning Knapps who have accomplished worth-while things.

The program closed at 4:30, but many remained to visit for an hour. Thus came to a happy close the fourth reunion, making us realize, with the poet, that

"We have the past with its memories  
The present, with its duties,  
The future for its anticipations—  
One for wisdom, one for action,  
And one for hope."

### COMMENTS

Mr. Lewis Ralph Jones, of Brookfield, Vt. sent to the annual meeting a report on his "Ancestor Hunting Trip," from which the following extracts are taken:

"The courteous welcome given Mrs. Jones and me by our esteemed genealogist, Prof. Ezra Fred Knapp and Mrs. Knapp, to the charm of Villahurst, would of itself have been ample reward for a detour. Added to this was the satisfaction of seeing the amazing extent and matchless method of his card records. The evidence he there soon uncovered indicates an entirely new approach to the problem of the ancestry of my great-grandfather,



**Daniel Knapp**, of Monkton, Vt.....This same day was made the more remarkable because of a later hour spent pleasantly in another hillside home of Rev. Alvah E. Knapp, since our grandfather Knapp, son of Daniel, bore the name, Alvah, we agreed to join further efforts.....I must add that the genealogical gains of this one day outweigh all my own previous researches. They leave me eager to cultivate more actively further relationships with the Knapp Association."

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Valuable family records were presented to the Association at the Annual Meeting in June—Miss Florence Knapp, of North Wales, Pa., presented fourteen typed sheets on the "Descendants of Abiram Phelps Knapp, son of Abijah and Rubie Phelps." Mrs. William F. Carter, of Indianapolis gave an interesting story about "Miss Mary Knapp," of Pennsylvania; a "Real Daughter" of the American Revolution, who died June 9, 1934, at the remarkable age of 107 years. Mary Knapp's photograph, photostatic copies of letters to Dr. A. A. Knapp, and record of her lineage, have been presented to Mrs. Henry B. Joy, National Chairman "Real Daughters", N.S.D.A.R., by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, D.A.R., Detroit, Michigan, to be a part of the Exhibit at the Golden Jubilee of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in October, 1940.

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It has been suggested that on Sunday following the annual meeting in 1941, a trip be made to Newburgh, N. Y. to place a memorial marker on the old house known as the "Uzal Knapp House." We, at headquarters, would be glad to know how many are interested in such a trip. Picnic lunches could be taken and quite a happy occasion made from the "gathering of the Clan."

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To supplement data being prepared for the "Knapp Genealogy," information is desired (with reference) of "Knapps" who have been outstanding in civic, professional, military, or religious activities; that is, of course, any Knapp descended from Nicholas, William, Aaron, or Roger.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Wilmot E. Knapp**, aged 82, attorney of Elmira, N. Y. died July 7. He was an active member of the Knapp Family As-

sociation and was greatly interested in its development. The Chemung Bar Association passed a Resolution commemorating his life and work, which was filed with the Supreme Court of the State of New York at Albany. He was at different times District Attorney for the County of Chemung and represented his district as State Assemblyman. He was the oldest son of nine children of Elisha and Philanda Guthrie Knapp of Springfield, Bradford Co., Pa. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Knapp, two sons, Guthrie E. and Charles T., and one daughter, Mrs. Alvin D. Banks.

Mr. Wilmot Knapp gave an address at the first Annual Meeting, and is lovingly remembered by all who met him.

The Association extends deepest sympathy to his family.

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**Mrs. Benjamin Horton**, (Julia Ferguson Durland) of Middletown, N. Y. passed away after a long illness, on August 28. Mrs. Horton was the mother of Miss Elizabeth Horton, one of the Association Vice-Presidents. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Horton and family.

### "MY ANCESTOR,

**Paul Knapp of Taunton, Mass.,  
and Descendants"**

Vesta V. Knapp, Hardwick, Vt.

**Paul Knapp**, b. 1742, Taunton, Mass., d. July 8, 1794, Moretown, Vt. He was killed by the falling of a tree and was the first person to die in that town. He married **Martha Liscomb**, Nov. 1762. I have been told it was the first marriage in the Taunton Church. He was one of the organizers of the town of Moretown, Vermont in 1792. I have been told he was a Revolutionary soldier but have never been able to find his war record. (Has any reader this record?) The early records of Taunton were burned. There is also a tradition that this "Paul Knapp" was in the Boston Tea Party. Their children were: William, 1764; Paul, 1765; Robert, ?; Seth W.; Martha, 1773; Nathan; Abigail, 1778; Judy, 1780; Liscomb, 1786; Francis, 1789. I have a record of these children with the exception of Robert, Seth W. and Nathan, from a paper written by my grandfather which he states is the family record as told him by Aunt Judy. This paper says that Robert went to Pennsylvania. He married Betsy Perry of Waterbury, Vt.





Paul Knapp, b. 1765, Raynham, Mass., died Nov. 10, 1852 at Moretown, Vt. He married Priscilla Edwards, Dec. 24, 1797, at Montpelier, Vt. Her father, David Edwards was a Revolutionary soldier. This Paul settled in Montpelier, Vt. in 1789 and in 1790, opened there the first brick yard. Later he moved to Moretown. Their children were: Samuel Edwards, b. 1797; Priscilla, 1798; Augusta Paul, 1804; Polly, 1802; Orlando, 1803; Roland Edwards, 1812.

Rolland Edwards Knapp, b. Sept. 27, 1812, Montpelier, died Jan. 4, 1900, Cabot, Vt. He was a Captain in the Home Guards. He lived in Moretown, Vt., where the talc mine is. He married Lotisa P. Hill, Sept. 22, 1838. Their children were: Sarah Jane, 1839; Julius P., 1884; Lelah A., 1846; Bertha P., 1853; Clarence Hills, 1860.

(April issue, 1941, we hope to have an article about some Knapp Descendants in Rhode Island.)

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See Queries in previous Bulletins)

**QUERIES**—Correction to data in Sept. 1937 Bulletin contributed by Elizabeth Horton, who sends the following: "The Margaret, mentioned in William Knapp's will, should be 'Margaret Webb,' a grandchild. He also named a daughter, Ann, believed to have married Zephaniah Drake. Abigail, may have been second wife of Benjamin Drake (brother of Zeph.) Another daughter, Mary deceased, said to have married the 'Giant' Samuel Webb, whose daughter was the above-named 'Margaret Webb'."

74. Answers were given to Mrs. Randolph, and will be sent to any one else asking for them.

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75. Who were the parents of Hetty Co-vel, b. 1763, wife of Elnathan Knapp, (1761-1832?) They lived in Brook-N. Y.

76. Wanted, ancestry of Anna Knapp who md. Zephaniah Drake (1737-1835.) Lived Orange Co., N. Y. Descendants pioneered West, some now in Wisconsin.
77. Daniel and Levi Knapp, brothers, pioneered to Monkton and Starkboro, Addison Co., Vt. 1795-98. Daniel md. Sylvania Tracy from Mass. Wanted, parents of Daniel and Levi.
78. Wanted, information concerning descendants of Dr. Colby Knapp. Among his children were: Lucinda, Lydia md. Daniel S. Dickinson, Hannah, Bessie R., Cyrus Strong, James Spencer, Hiram, Ezra, Sylvester. Three sons went to Louisiana, one to Michigan.
79. Also information concerning descendants of General Charles Knapp and Wendell Knapp, sons of Henry R. Knapp and Lizzie Tryon, who settled in Oakland, Calif.
80. Wanted, descendants of Joshua Knapp and wife, Ruth Nichols from Connecticut. Their daughter, Rebecca md. a Mr. Wyx or Weeks and lived in Pa. Her sister, Sally, md. a Mr. Kainworthy.
81. Who are the descendants of Robert, Seth W. and Nathan Knapp, sons of Paul and Martha Liscomb Knapp of Moretown, Vt?

## NOTES

No one should miss reading this or forth-coming issues of the Bulletin. You may read about your own ancestors here. It is hoped all dues will be sent in promptly to the treasurer. This would make it possible to have copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association sent to each member. Will you, dear member, do your part? Remember you pay nothing for the Bulletin. It is sent to you gratuitously.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. A. A. Knapp**

In compiling Vol. I of our Genealogy we are finding many conflicting statements and apparent errors in names, dates, lines of descent, names of families of ancestors, places of residence, etc. Sometimes several persons of the same name lived at the same place and records of their ancestry, marriage, children and activities are most confusing. It would help us a lot if each and every member of the K. F. A. would send us now his complete family records, beginning with the present time and extending back as far as their records go. Please include all names, dates, places, etc., to the smallest detail. **And do it now.** We need it at the present time.

Our work of compilation is proving much more difficult than we had expected requiring an enormous amount of time-consuming labor, rewriting records, correcting details, connecting family groups, investigating conflicting statements and trying to get everything in its proper order and place.

The first six generations include some 1230 names. Probably six or seven generations will be included in Vol. I. We cannot prepare our copy until we have eliminated all the errors possible. Will you not help now by sending in your own known records?

Many queries are included in this Bulletin. Please answer as many as you can and as fully as possible, at once, so the material will be available for our use now.

Plans for an interesting meeting on June 28 are taking shape and it promises to be the best ever. Be sure to attend and profit by the program and the friendly associations. The dedication of the tablet marking the home of Uzal Knapp near Newburgh on Sunday, June 29, will be inspiring and we hope for a good attendance of our membership with their friends. Plan to attend both meetings, if possible.

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## FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

June 28, 1941, Hotel McAlpin

New York, N. Y.

An enthusiastic group of Association members met at Headquarters, March 3, to assist in making plans for the Fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Knapp Family Association. Those present were, Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown, New York City; Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, White Plains, N. Y.; Miss Adelaide Springstead, New York City; Mrs. Walter Bellinger, Jr., Forest Hills, Long Island; Mrs. George A. Kuhner, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Mrs. Heath Gregory and Mrs.

Flora Knapp Dickinson, New York City. Mrs. Frank Holbert, Warwick, N. Y. is in charge of plans for placing a marker on or near the old Uzal Knapp House in Newburgh, on Sunday, June 29. It is hoped many members and their friends will plan to attend this affair also. Interesting programs for both the Saturday and Sunday meetings will be completed and announcements sent to all members. Keep these days free to attend these affairs. Watch for the Announcements!



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At the request of the editor, Miss Madeline Bubier of Providence, R.I., contributed data on some "Knapp Descendants in Rhode Island." Much of the data submitted was new and of special interest to our Family Genealogist and Association President. Because of the many Queries this material must be held for publication in a later Bulletin. These descendants are thought to be from the Aaron Line.

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**How many members have you secured for the Association?**



**Dr. A. A. Knapp, of Peoria, Ill.**  
President of Knapp Family Association  
of America

This picture will be a surprise to our President. It is placed here in recognition of his services to this Knapp Family Association, and will be followed in the October Bulletin by the picture of our faithful genealogist, Ezra Fred Knapp.

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Following the 1940 June meeting, Mr. Ezra Fred Knapp started work in compiling typed copies of his card records, and has completed a first rough copy of such record. He has continued work on this during his wintering in Florida. All hope he has not worked too strenuously on this compilation. Weeks and months must be spent in corrections. He is giving his time. What are the members contributing? Read carefully our President's appeal for your help in sending data and answering queries.

## FROM THE LETTERBOX

I was pleased to get the Bulletin and to find that the Knapp Family Association was apparently going from Strength to strength....Oswald G. Knapp, Coshan, Hants, Eng.

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Enclosed is check for membership in KFA. Please send last Bulletin. I saw all the earlier ones in the N.E.G. and H. Society, in Boston....Leonie B. McQuiston, Marshall, Va.

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Am enclosing \$10 in payment for Life Membership. I would not miss any numbers of the Family Bulletin, which I enjoy very much....Henry McSweeney, Westgate, Ia.

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I am sending membership card and check, and hope to prove an enthusiast in research for our ancestors....A. L. Woodin, Long Beach, Cal.

### PERSONALS

Miss Leona B. McQuiston, a new KFA member, is author of "History of the McQuiston-McCuiston-McQuesten Families," which is \$15 per copy postpaid.

Another member, Miss Pauline Seely, cataloguer for the Long Island Collection of the Queens Borough Public Library in Jamaica, is the co-compiler with Richard B. Sealock, of a recently published book, "Long Island Bibliography," listing more than 8000 books. Congratulations to these members!!

Miss Lena C. Knapp, who has been serving as a missionary in Corea, has been transferred to Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A. where she expects to continue missionary work for two years. Though faraway she never forgets to keep the Association informed of her whereabouts. We wish all members would send in items of interest.

The following have recently transferred to Life Membership:

Mrs. Burrit Whitney.....Stanley, N. Y.  
Henry McSweeney.....Westgate, Iowa  
Mrs. Alexander J. Bates.....Glenmont, N. Y.  
Ward K. Knapp.....Scottsville, N. Y.

#### New Life Member

Horace White Gage, Sr.

Philadelphia, N. Y.

#### New Annual Members

Mrs. W. R. H. Weldon

San Marino, Calif.

Miss L. B. McQuiston.....Marshall, Va.

Alvin L. Woodin.....Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Frank Farwell.....Coldwater, Mich.

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A recent news item from Houlton, Maine, stated that the Knapp Family in that town was doing its bit for Uncle Sam's army as three brothers—Paul, 24; Alton, 22; and Eugene, 21, sons of Leslie Knapp, were inducted into the army in January.

Probably many other Knapp sons are serving in the army and navy. Why not send us word about them before the Annual Meeting in June ?

### UZUAL KNAPP

The statement that "Uzual Knapp was the last of Washington's Life Guards," has been disputed many times, with the expression that there has not been any proof in print.

The following from Munsell's Annals of Albany, N. Y. Vol. 8, page 329, seems to give sufficient proof:

"January 16, 1856

Continental Company B went to Newburgh to attend the funeral of Uzual Knapp, the last of Washington's Life Guards, where it was assigned the post of honor."

### IN MEMORIAM

Myron C. Knapp, who joined the Association on October 24, 1938, died after a long illness, at his home in Danbury, Conn., December 15, 1940, aged 83. He was a former Selectman of the Town, a Director of the Union Savings Bank and an Odd Fellow. His interest in Knapp ancestry was very keen.

### QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query," and send to the genealogist or headquarters, so that answers may be published in future issues.

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82. Wanted ancestry of Sally Knapp m. at Rehoboth, Mass. Joseph Turner, Sept. 25, 1783. Both buried Blossom Cem. Fort Ann, Washington Co., N. Y. (Most of their children are listed in the West Stockbridge, Mass. Vital Records.)
83. Information about descendants of Abijah and Grace Gage Knapp, through their daughter Phebe Frost's children—Ruth Ann Van Scoy, Sarah Maria Hamlin, and Demas Frost, all of Danbury. Another descendant of Grace Gage Knapp wishes to correspond with these. Please send information to headquarters.
84. Who are the descendants of Rev. Edward Knapp, son of Geo. Knapp and Lydia Stevens, m. Mar. 30, 1809, lived in Troy (now Fall River), Mass.? Edward moved to N.Y. State.
85. Ancestry of Elizabeth Knapp, m. Samuel Clemens (Clements), had son Samuel b. Jan. 1, 1772, Northbridge, Mass. Family moved in 1775 to Croyden, N. H.





86. Wanted date of birth and marriage of **James L. Knapp**, son of **Lebbeus** and **Rachel Storm Knapp**, who lived **Hopewell Center, N. Y.** Also name of James's wife or wives.
87. Who were parents of **Jonathan** and **Abiel Knapp** who went to **Lyman, N.H.** in 1783. **Jonathan** had a daughter **Sally**.
88. The family of **Timothy**, son of **Nicholas**, and of his son **Timothy** are confusing. Was **Timothy Jr.** the only child of **Timothy Sr.**? What was the name of the wife of each. Tell us what you know of the children of **Timothy, Jr.**
89. Who were the children of **Moses** and **Abigail (Westcott) Knapp**?
90. **Benj.** and **Elizabeth Butler**, and **Caleb** and **Sarah Rundell** each had a son **David**. Both **David**s are said to have married **Rachel Close**. Did one marry **Rebecca Close**. Or were there two **Rachel Close**'s?
91. The children of **David Knapp** and **Rachel** or **Rebecca Close** are uncertain. Please give us your list and authority.
92. Who were the children of **Jonah** and wife? son of **Moses** and **Abigail Westcott**?
93. Who were the parents of **Lebbeus Knapp** who m. **Rachel Storms**?
94. Who were the parents of **Charles Knapp** who m. **Hannah** and lived at **Pochuck, near Warwick, N. Y.**?
95. Who were the parents of **Caleb Knapp** who m. **Rebecca Hoyt** in **Conn.** and who d. at **Wayne Co., N.Y.** in 1855 aged 90 years?
96. Who were the children of **Caleb** and **Sarah (Rundel) Knapp**?
97. Did **James** and **Patience (Andrews) Knapp** have a son **Aaron**?
98. **Israel Knapp** married **???? Hearty**. Who were the parents of **Israel**?
99. Did **Aaron** and **Mary (Hoyt) Knapp** have a son **John** or **James**?
100. Did **Ezra**, son of **Ebenezer** and **Elizabeth (Finch) Knapp** or **Ezra**, son of **Amos** and **???? (Nelson) Knapp** marry **Phoebe Woolsey**?
101. Did **Zephaniah** and **Millah (Roe) Knapp** have a son **Lyman**?
102. Did **Mary** daughter of **Jonathan** and **Prudence (Mead) Knapp** marry **Justus Mead**?
103. Did **Lucy** daughter of **Henry** and **Jemimah (Fisk) Knapp** or **Lucy** daughter of **Samuel** and **Mary (Colbridge) Knapp** marry **Jonathan Nutt**.
104. Who were the children of **Wm. S.** and **Sarah (????) Knapp**? He son of **John** and **Hannah (Blackman) Knapp**.
105. Who were the parents and the children of **Newcomb** and **Polly (Morris) Knapp**?
103. Who were the parents and children of **Benedict** and **Catherine (Bogart) Knapp**?
107. Who were the parents and children of **Asa** and **Mary (Wright) Knapp**?
108. Who were the parents and children of **Peter** and **Phebe (Bailey) Knapp**?
109. Who were the parents of **Ebenezer Knapp** b. 1772, d. 1821, m. **Polly Hill** in 1802?
110. Who was the **Caleb Knapp** who m. **Betsy** and d. in **Greenbrier Co., Va.** in 1820? Was a taxpaver in that county as early as 1787.
111. Who was **Samuel Knapp** who m. **Lavina**, probably about 1797? Probably lived in **Ontario Co., N.Y.** coming from **Conn.** Some of his descendants lived in **W. Va.**
112. There is much confusion with the various **Enos Knapps**. There are no less than six of them. Three of them are said to have married **Mary** or **Elizabeth Lockwood**. Can you give the names of the parents of each of these and the dates of birth, death and marriage and to whom married?
113. Who were the parents of **Martha J. Knapp** b. August 13, 1835, d. September 11, 1900, m. in 1861 **Seymour Baxter**?

## NOTES

**David G. Knapp**, one of our K.F.A. Vice-Presidents, has copyrighted "Genealogical Information Statements," for loose leaf family records. These are very complete forms and may be obtained from him at the following rates: 20 for 60 cents and 100 for \$2.

**Correspondence Paper**, white, double-sheet, with envelopes, paper engraved in blue with **Knapp Family Coat-of-Arms**, may be had for \$1.35 per box of one quire, postage paid. Send order, with check to **Mrs. D. Q. Brown, 144 East 36th Street, New York, N. Y.** Why not order this paper for yourself and as gifts for your **Knapp** relatives?

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Why not join this Association now and send in to the Secretary lists of other descendants? In this way you can do your part to assist in carrying out the purposes of the Association. Write for **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**.



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# The Knapp Family Association of America BULLETIN

*Descendants from* NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER, AND AARON KNAPP

*"Go, call thy sons; instruct them what a debt they owe their ancestors; and make them swear to pay it by transmitting down entire those sacred rights to which themselves were born."*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DR. A. A. KNAPP

Those who did not attend our Fifth Annual Meeting, June 26, missed the most enthusiastic and entertaining meeting we have ever held. It was packed full of inspiration for more and better work for our genealogical goal and was attended by many new member for their first time. It was all well worth while.

Next year a new place and new time of meeting will be tried. The meeting will be held at Newburgh, N. Y., September 12, 1942, in conjunction with the ceremony of marking the "Uzal Knapp House." I want to urge all members, with their families and friends, to attend and so make this the biggest and best meeting ever. You will be well entertained and will acquire renewed inspiration for genealogical effort. These meetings are, indeed, a tonic for all of us.

We still need your help in order to verify all records before printing our family genealogy. Please send, without delay, your own family records down to the present time to our genealogist.

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## A GREAT SUCCESS THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting, held June 28th at Hotel McAlpin, was attended by about fifty members and a few guests. One Knapp descendant having seen a notice of the meeting in the paper, came from Fredericksburgh, Va., and before the meeting closed joined the Association. This was Mrs. L. Philip Cox. Another guest, Miss Adelaide deGroot, a well-known artist, became a Life Member. The Association is happy to welcome both of these into the family circle.

The morning session was devoted to business of the Association, the most important of which was the election of officers for a two-year term. The result of such election is found in the new

list of officers. Three recommendations from the Executive Board were presented and met with unanimous approval. These were: That the Sixth Annual Meeting be held in Newburgh, N. Y., on September 12, 1942; that the Genealogical Committee be enlarged to five members, the extra three to be named by the President; and that a Chairman of Membership be appointed by the President to solicit both adult and junior members. As new members of the Genealogical Committee, the President appointed Miss Elizabeth Horton, David G. Knapp, and Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, and as Chairman of the Membership Committee, Mrs. Walter Bellinger, Jr.

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Many letters came from distant members regretting their inability to be present, from Mrs. Vidaver of California, Mr. Betts, of Danbury, Mr. Gage of Philadelphia, Miss Bubier of Rhode Island, and our genealogist, Ezra Fred Knapp from British Columbia. Extracts were read from Oswald Knapp's letter, telling of his family's frightful experiences from bombings in England, and from Lena Knapp's account of her trip from New York to South America, where she is now serving as a missionary.

Many valuable contributions in the form of records have been added to our Association Collection and were on exhibit. Mrs. Kuhner, custodian of relics presented a complete list of the collection and gifts will be added to this list as presented.

The morning meeting closed with an impressive service in memory of five deceased members.

The guest artist, Dolores Roy, opened the afternoon program with a group of Indian songs, telling first the story of each song and later gave a group of American songs by Nevins. Her beautiful voice, art in storytelling, and graciousness were all greatly enjoyed. Dr. Knapp told of the progress made toward the publication of the "Knapp Genealogy." He stated that contributions had been received from eighteen members, ranging from \$50 to \$2, to be used toward the expense of preparing the data for print. Other speakers were Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, who in a very interesting and amusing way told how she had obtained the Poundridge Church records, which during the past fifty years had been taken from one place to another until they were located in Chicago, Ill., in possession of a descendant of the Minister who had taken the records with him.

J. Crawford Hartman, assistant Librarian of the N. Y. G. & B. Library gave an enlightening talk on "How a Genealogical Library can best serve the Public." Mrs. Samuel Hay, a most enthusiastic Association member from Newport News, Va., related many amusing anecdotes about her personal experiences in collecting data.

Beautiful flowers brought by Miss Mabel Knapp and Mrs. Kynes made the room very attractive and cheerful. These were sent to sick and "shut-in" friends of members.



## PERSONALS

Miss Elizabeth Horton, 1st Vice-President of this Association, has presented to the Association, a copy of "Old Orange Houses," a beautiful and valuable historical book. An interesting reference to Uzal Knapp, a veteran of the Revolution, is included in this book, just published by Mildred Parker Seese, 15 West Jackson Avenue, Middletown, N. Y. The book is made up of pictures and historical accounts of one hundred houses in Orange County, N. Y., where Knapps have been numerous since before the Revolution. A group of Knapp Houses is planned for inclusion in the second volume. Mrs. Seese plans to publish three volumes which will recount, in terms of old families and old houses, the development of Orange County that had a remarkable part in shaping the destiny of the nation. The book has more than local appeal. It sells for \$1.50, in board covers, and may be obtained direct from Mrs. Seese.

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Mrs. Frank Holbert, Chairman of the meeting for September 12, 1942, has already located the Uzal Knapp Bible, giving the date of his birth, over which there has been much discussion, and many other entries of interest to the Association. Mrs. Holbert and Miss Elizabeth Horton are anxious to contact all descendants of Uzal Knapp. Please send names and addresses of such to them.

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A unanimous vote of thanks was given, at the annual meeting, to Mrs. Marion Brown who has served the Association so faithfully and well for five years. Because of illness she declined a re-election, but will continue to enthusiastically support our activities. Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, who was elected treasurer, is well known to those members who have attend the annual meetings, as she has had charge of exhibits for several years. We welcome her to the staff.

Among the attendants at the Annual Meeting were David G. Knapp, one of our Vice-Presidents, and his very attractive bride. They will make their home in Washington, D.C.

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Our President, Dr. A. A. Knapp, with wife and daughter, took a vacation trip to Juneau, Alaska, and many other

places en route, and our genealogist, Ezra Fred and his wife have been spending the summer with his son's family at Gossip Island, British Columbia. While there he is continuing to compile records for the first volume of the KNAPP GENEALOGY. After the 1st of November Prof. Ezra Fred Knapp and wife, will be at St. Petersburg, Fla. for the winter.

## IN MEMORIAM

*"A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast  
To the places they blessed with their presence and  
love."*

With deep regret the Association announces the death of three active members:

Byron Barnes Horton, Sheffield Tn.

April 8th, age 68

Urea Joseph Knapp, Minesville, N. Y.

May 19th, age 90

Mrs. Estelle Knapp Adams, Goshen, N.Y.

June 7th, age 87

On Sunday, August 24, Carrie Palmer Knapp, wife of our member, James B. Knapp, died suddenly. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knapp attended the meeting on June 28, and all who met them extend sympathy to Mr. Knapp.

## NOTES

Members can assist greatly by filling out at once the enclosed blank and sending it to headquarters. Will you each do this?

Please also send in to the Editor personal items that would be of interest to the Association. A non-member, but one very much interested, has sent in valuable information about the Colby Knapp Branch, and contributed photostats and other records for the Exhibit Collection. What will you contribute during this year?

New members since April 1:

### Life Member

Miss Adelaide DeGroot, New York, N.Y.

### Annual Members

Archer L. Knapp, Grosse Pointe, Mich.  
Mrs. L. Philip Cox, Fredericksburg, Va.  
Miss Anna Bell Knapp, Newburgh, N.Y.  
Mrs. Stanley T. Manlove, Newburgh,  
N. Y. (N. Y. State Regent, N.S.D.A.R.)

Thanks to all who assisted at the Annual Meeting and those who have sent in clippings from their local papers with account of the meeting. This is proof of continued interest and cooperation.





## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See queries in previous Bulletins)

86. **James L. Knapp** (son of **Lebbeus Knapp** and **Rachel Storms**) married **Mary June** and had children: **Lebbeus**, **James**, **Jacob**, **Abraham**, **Charlotte**, **Emily**, wife of **John Springsteen**; **Matilda**; and **Ann**, wife of **John I. Cole**. Ref.: *Coles History of Rockland Co., N. Y.*
- 105-6. These were answered in part but answers are too long to print. Answers were sent to the querist.
101. Answers will be found in the *Shoemaker Genealogy of Pennsylvania*.
112. One "**Enos Knapp**" (1744-1824) m. **Mary Lockwood**. He served as Corporal of the Guard 1775 in *Greenwich, Conn.* His wife was dragged from her bed by the British and although struck by an officer refused to give information. Their daughter, **Mary Knapp**, md. **Whitefield Peck**.

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114. Wanted:  
Parents of **Martha (Patty) Knapp** b. 3-23-1792, possibly in *Orange Co., N. Y.*, d. 5-2-1880, *White Lake, Sullivan Co., N. Y.*, m. before 1811, **Charles DeKay**, b. *Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.*
115. Children of **Enoch Knapp** (1776-1830) who m. **Thirza Fountain**. He was of *Greenwich, Conn.*
116. Birth, death, and marriage records of children of **Stephen Knapp** (1797-1861) buried *Shrub Oak Cem., N. Y.* Mar. date?
117. **Nathan Knapp**, son of **Nathan Knapp** and **Sarah Morehouse**, who was b. 2-22-1797, *Norwalk, Conn.* is supposed to have had six sons from 1818 to 1828. Wanted their names and data.
118. Who were the children and grandchildren of **Noah F. Knapp** (wife **Sarah Jane Ennes**), son of **Abel** and **Charity Judson Knapp**? In 1850 Census of *Darien, Conn.*
119. Descendants of following wanted:  
**Charles Knapp** and **Cornelia Waterbury**, m. 3-3-1829.  
**William Knapp** and **Jane Smith**, *Wilton, Conn.* 1870 Census.  
**James Duncan Knapp** and **Diantha Rundell**, m. 10-21-1832. (They resided *Bronson, Ohio*)  
**Noble C. Knapp** and **Clarissa** ....., of *Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.*  
**Mason Knapp** and **Emily Colby** of *Medina, N. Y.*  
**Wm. M. Knapp** and **Belle Horton**, m. 1864, resided *N. Mexico*.  
**Harley Knapp** and **Sally** ....., 1850 census *St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.*
120. Who can supply information concerning a **Matilda Knapp**, of *Knapp's Corners, N. Y.* (Perhaps *Cattaraugus Co.*) who married a **Young**, and settled in *Pennsylvania (Crawford Co.)*? **Matilda** had brothers—**Andrew**, **Abraham**, **Joseph**, and sisters, **Sarah** and **Mary**. Was their father **Blades Knapp**?
121. Correspondence is solicited (and will be forwarded to the querist concerning the following: Who were the children of **Ebenezer Knapp** b. 1706, *Norfolk, Conn.* of **Moses**, of **Caleb**, of **Nicholas**? This **Ebenezer** married (1) **Elizabeth Benedict**, and (2) **Elizabeth Smith**. **Thomas** and **Peter Knapp**, thought to be sons of this **Ebenezer**, married sisters—**Lois** and **Martha Bearse**, living in *Dutchess Co., N. Y.* about 1812. An **Asa Knapp** b. 1767 m. **Mary Wright**, of **Thomas Wright** and **Martha Butler** (See query 107). He lived at *Rome, Potsdam, and Steuben, N. Y.* Whose son was he?
122. Ancestors of **Joel Knapp** m. **Sibel Croney** Nov. 8, 1804, *Northridge, Mass.* Their son, **John Croney Knapp**, M.D. m. **Eleanor E. Stone**, 1831 at *Mendon, Mass.*
123. Of **Alfred Metcalf Knapp** b. *Vt.* 1840, *Smithboro, N. Y.* md. **Sally Hart**.
124. Of **Alfred Knapp**, b. abt. 1807, m. **Elizabeth** ....., They lived at *Lawrenceville, Pa.*, had dau., **Jennie Lind Knapp** b. June 5, 1852.
125. Of **Edmund Hervey Knapp** b. *Medina, Orleans Co., N. Y.*, lived *Homer, Mich.* Son. **Wm. Hervey Knapp** m. in *California*, *Sierra Nevada Williams*.





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# The Knapp Family Association of America BULLETIN

*Descendants from* NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER AND AARON KNAPP

*Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted,  
Not to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider.—BACON*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

DR. A. A. KNAPP

### Greetings, March 1942

Once again I want to ask you and urge you to give us any and all the information you can about your own family at the present time and trace back as far as you can with all names, dates and places fully included. Very few have done so in response to our October appeal. We cannot make our genealogy complete and accurate if you do not do so. We have no other way of obtaining this information now.

In spite of this war depression we are going ahead compiling our genealogy down to the present time, hoping a way will open to publish and market the book as soon as it is completed. Won't you help us?

We also need facts concerning some of our early families, if you can furnish them. The family of Timothy, son of Nicholas Knapp is incomplete as is the identity of the wife of both Timothy Sr. and Jr. Two different families have been assigned to Moses Knapp and Abigail Westcott. Which is correct? Or do they represent two different families, perhaps a lost generation in that line? Dates of birth make this possible, perhaps probable. Then we do not know the parents of Lebbeus, Jared, Silas and Jonas Knapp of Horseneck and Haverstraw. Can you give us the answer or find the proof? We are reasonably sure they descended from Nicholas but cannot prove it. They have a fine line of descendants. There are many other problems. Sometimes one wife is assigned to two or three men of the same name. Sometimes three or more men of the same name lived in the same town at the same time. It is often difficult to separate their activities and their families. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

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## SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

*Mark your calendars now to reserve SEPT. 12*

Plans are being made for the 6th Annual Meeting to be held at Newburgh, N. Y., on Saturday, September 12, 1942, as voted at the last annual meeting. Arrangements will be in charge of the committee of which Mrs. Frank Holbert, Warwick, N. Y. is chairman. She will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Horton, of Middletown, N. Y., first vice-president of KFA, Miss Mabel Knapp, of Goshen, Mrs. Stanley Mainlove, of Newburgh, and others. In spite of war conditions, it is hoped there will be a large attendance. There are many Knapp descendants in the vicinity of Newburgh. The war has only intensified our loyalty to family ties and those ancestors who gave their blood to make us free, believing it was the last sacrifice of that kind that would have to be made. Miss Vesta Knapp of Vermont writes, as follows: "I was glad to learn from the last Bulletin that the Knapp Family is to have a meeting at a time it seems I may be able to attend. Maybe in September I can meet personally some of the people I now know only through correspondence." There must be many others who would voice the same sentiment. Further notices of meeting will be mailed during the summer.

**Be A Booster For Your Association !!**

*How Many Members and Prospective Members will you bring to  
This Meeting on September 12th?*



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## In Re: QUESTIONNAIRES

Nearly one third of the questionnaires sent out with the October Bulletin have been returned to headquarters. Is yours among that number? If not, please fill it out and send it in at once. We do want a good report on these for the annual meeting.

## NOTES and COMMENTS

Dr. A. A. Knapp, our Association President made a visit to headquarters office on Saturday, November 15th, at which time he also attended a meeting of the Mayflower Society Board. He is Surgeon General of the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fred Knapp will be at home in Nedrow, N. Y. after May 14, having spent the winter in Florida. Ezra Fred, our genealogist, will welcome any family correspondence sent to him in Nedrow, and we look forward to having both Mr. and Mrs. Knapp with us on September 12. Bring your family lineage problems to talk over with him.

A recent letter from our member, Mrs. Edna L. Frederickson, recently of Chicago, informs us that she is now residing in Decatur, and because of illness she is no longer able to continue her genealogical researches. Mrs. Frederickson contributed copies of her Knapp lineages and allied families — all beautifully charted.

In many states our members are actively engaged in research and compiling. In 1941 Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, Association treasurer, assisted by Mrs. Frank W. Seth, compiled and fully indexed tombstone records from eighteen cemeteries in Pound Ridge, Westchester Co., N. Y. These are very valuable records and public libraries are glad to get such compilations.

## SOME RHODE ISLAND and MASS. KNAPPS

Contributed by Mildred M. Bubier  
of Providence, R. I.

George Knapp m. April 11, 1745, Sarah Atherton (1727-1801), and their son, Atherton Knapp (abt. 1746-?) m. April 19, 1777 (Int.) Mary Hayward (1757-), one of whose sons was George Knapp (1788-1868) who m. March 30, 1809 Lydia Stephens (1792-1859).





**George Knapp** and **Lydia Stephens** had the following children, as found in Vital Records of Fall River, (formerly Troy) Mass.

1. **John Adams Knapp**—b. 1824 d. 1824
2. **Julia Ann Eliza Knapp**—b. Nov. 22, 1825
3. **Granville Knapp**—b. April 13, 1828
4. **Alexander S. Knapp**—b. July 1, 1830
5. **Otis Wilbur Knapp**—b. Aug. 29, 1832

In addition to these children, there were, according to family records, **George A.**, **Emeline**, **Mary Jane**, **Edward**, and perhaps others. This **Edward Knapp** became a minister and went to New York State, but we have no further information concerning him.

From Marriage records, Fall River, Mass. and Vital Records of Providence. the following are given:

**Emeline Knapp** m. **William Stoddard**, Nov. 22, 1841 (moved to Taunton, Mass.)

**George A. Knapp** m. **Lydia C. Dring** of **Tiverton, R. I.** (moved to Providence, R. I.) Aug. 16, 1841.

**Mary Jane Knapp** m. **Earl S. Williams** Mar. 27, 1838 (moved to Attleborough, Mass.)

**Alexander S. Knapp** m. (1) **Margaret T. Smith**, (b. Rehoboth) Dec. 21, 1850, (moved to Taunton, Mass.)

m. (2) **Harriet M. Hopkins**, Jan. 1, 1857. She was born, **Society Hill, S. C.** dau. of **Asa** and **Cynthia Hopkins**.

The following are from the Vital Records of Providence, R. I.

**Alexander S. Knapp**, Feb. 26, 1868—37 years.

**George Knapp**, of **Atherton**, Sept. 8, 1868—81 years

**George A. Knapp**, of **Geo. and Lydia**, Nov. 22, 1880—62 years.

**Harriet M.**, widow of **Alexander S.**, April 3, 1884—47 years.

**Lydia C.**, wife of **Geo. A.**, Mar. 25, 1887—57 years.

In the marriage records of Fall River, Mass., the following are given, but these have not been placed as to immigrant ancestor.

**John Knapp** and **Nancy H. Young** m. April 16, 1855.

**John** 24 years, 1st mar., b. **Danbury, Conn.** Res. **Fall River**, son of **John and Sally Knapp**.

**Nancy H.** 18 years, 1st mar., b. **Seconk, Res. Fall River**, child of **Lucius and Mary Ann Young**.

It is hoped from the above notes that some one can furnish, with proof, the ancestry of **George Knapp** b. 1745, who is believed to be from the **Aaron** line.

## IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret the Association announces the death of its active member, **George Alan Knapp** of **Maryville, Tenn.**, before January 1942. He was born in **Downsville**, son of **William and Esther Knapp**, grandson of **Alan Knapp** and **Betsy Phelps**. For many years, **George Alan Knapp** was a professor in **Maryville College**, having retired only a few years ago.

A grandson, **George Knapp Barrett**, of **Ohio**, called at headquarters about two years ago, while in **New York**, studying at **Columbia**.

"To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."

## MEMBERSHIP

The treasurer is happy to announce that several members, who had "forgotten" about their dues, have paid up in full and one for two years in advance. This is good news!

Transferred to life membership are the following:

**A. A. McSweeney**—**Stephenville, Texas**.  
**Miss Dorothy J. Knapp**—**Hamburg, N. J.**

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## New Members

**Mrs. N. C. Young**—**St. Simon's Island, Ga.**

**Mrs. Edward C. Zabriskie**—**New York, N. Y.**

**Mrs. Elmer H. Renton**—**Blackstone, Mass.**

**Mrs. John P. Cook**—**Oklahoma City, Okla.**

**Mrs. Robert A. Lewis**—**Bridgeport, Conn.**  
**Mrs. Clarence McCoy**—**Glendale, Calif.**

One dear old lady said she liked the "**Knapp Family**" because "they all treat you like the long lost brother."

New members may like to know that the January 1940 issue of **Americana** carried on its cover page, the **Knapp Family** coat-of-arms in color. Copies should be ordered from "The American Historical Soc., Inc.," 80 Eighth Avenue, New York City. Single copies, \$1.00.

Also that previous issues of the **Bulletin** may be obtained from Association Office, 489 Fifth Avenue, for ten cents a copy. Please send money or stamps with order. Ten Bulletins have been published.

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Owing to the shortage of paper and increase in price for printing, stationery with the **Knapp** coat-of-arms will be discontinued for the "duration."



## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See Queries in previous Bulletins)

60. **Maria Leek Knapp** was, probably, daughter of **Ezekiel Knapp** who m. April 5, 1790, **Polly Leake**, both of Bedford, N. Y. (See Eardley's Amer. Church recs. Vol. 2, P. 9)
79. There was also a **Mason Knapp** (1785-1871) who m. 1808 **Libby Tryon**. He was son of **Peter Knapp** b. Rehoboth, Mass. and died Hanover, N. H. m. (2) 1775, **Jerusha Owen Mason** (1745-1804). **Peter** was a private in Marlboro, Mass. (See N.S.D. A.R. No. 149897)
87. **Sally Knapp** b. 1778, dau. of **Jonathan Knapp** (1735-1830) who m. 1760 **Mercy Cook**. He son of **Jonathan Knapp** (1709-1793) and wife, **Mehitable Tucker**; **Jonathan** was son of **Nathaniel Knapp** 1690-1746) and wife, **Rebecca Cobb**, son of **Aaron Knapp** and **Rachel Burt**, of **Aaron Knapp** and **Elizabeth**. There have been several enquiries about "**Jared Knapp**". Who was the wife of this **Jared**, and who were his ancestors?  
**"Jared Knapp** b. 1751, Stamford, Conn. d. Oct. 22, 1848. Buried in old cemetery, Nassau, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. Pensioner, Conn. Troops, one of Washington's Life Guards. Grave has S.A.R. Marker."  
 (From N.S.D.A.R. Report April 1, 1932-1933)
- 123-124. **Alfred Metcalf Knapp** was born to "widow Knapp" in Springfield, Vt. Sept. 24, 1805, being a posthumous child. He went to Owego, N. Y. when about 15 years of age and was brought up by a **Dubois** family on a farm next to **William Knapp**. **Alfred** m. (1) **Sally Hart** of Danby, N. Y. They had seven children. He m. (2) a wife who died soon after marriage, and (3) **Elizabeth Middaugh**, daughter of **Joseph Middaugh** of Elmira and later of Lawrenceville, Pa. where **Alfred Metcalf Knapp** lived. **Alfred** and **Elizabeth** had three children—**Jenny Lind Knapp** who married **Andrew Sherwood** of Mansfield, Pa. (Descendants of these can be furnished, if desired); **Robert E. Knapp** of Lawrenceville; and **Joseph** who died after three years' service in the 149th Regt. Pa. (Refs.: **Knapp MSS** from Dr. A. A. **Knapp**, and **Munsell's Hist. of Tioga Co., Pa., Appendix, P. 23**)  
 The parentage of **Alfred Metcalf Knapp** has not been given.  
 (Information also sent in by **Justin Willis Knapp**, an Assn. member of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and **Mrs. Elmer H. Renton**, of Blackstone, Mass.)

## QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query," and send to the Genealogist or Headquarters, so that answers may be published in future issues.

Symbols: b.—born; m.—married; d.—died

126. Marriage and descendants of **William H. Knapp** b. ca 1806, Kent, N.Y., son of **Moses Knapp** and **Jane**.
127. Parents of **William Knapp** who m. 5-22-1831 **Eunice Webb**, in Danbury, Conn.
128. Ancestry of **William Knapp**, son of **William ? Knapp** and **Olive**. He was b. 6-19-1795 in Conn. m. 3-10-1816, **Hannah Higby**, dau. of **Isaac** and **Anna Clark Higby** of Simsbury, Conn. **William's** father born 1765, d. 1815. Wm. and **Hannah Higby Knapp's** children were: **Irving William** b. 1832, Ohio, Trumbull, b. 1818, N. Y., **Edwin D.** b. 1825, N. Y.
129. First wife of **William Knapp**, son of **Jonathan** and **Ruth Knapp**. Wm. was a Methodist clergyman in Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, b. 1803, Peekskill, N. Y., d. 11-22-1886, Bogus Bluff, Mo. He m. (2) 9-14-1842 **Harriet Chase** at Tuscola, Mich.
130. Marriages and descendants of **William Knapp** b. ca 1777, prob. Peekskill, N. Y., son of **William Knapp** and .....
131. Name of wife and children of **Stephen Y. Knapp** 1772-1858, shoemaker at Stamford, Conn., son of **Samuel Knapp** and **Susanna Scofield**.
132. Name of wife and parents of **Henry Knapp**, native of Dutchess Co., N.Y. Had son, **Peter Knapp** m. **Cornelia E. Nash** of Broome Co., N. Y. **Peter** had son, **Henry Alonzo Knapp** b. Barker, Broome Co. 1851.
133. Does Query 105 refer to the **Newcomb Knapp** who d. Dec. 20, 1850 ae 82-1-27, buried in Knapp Cemetery, Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y. and wife, **Polly** d. Aug. 5, 1864 age 80 yrs. 4 mos.? **Mary**, their dau., d. May 4, 1849, ae 27-3-7.
134. Ancestry of **Bertha Knapp** m. abt. 1743 **Christian Sackrider**. Children: **Daniel** and **Sybil** (twins) b. May 29, 1744, **Moses**, **Solomon**, **Timothy**, **Anna**. **Sybil** m. Sept. 11, 1765 **Oliver Wait**, Sr. **Oliver Wait** and **Sybil** buried in Jonesville Cem. near Rexford, N. Y. **Bertha** and **Christian Sackrider** were m. in Fishkill, N.Y. This query has been sent in by two descendants.





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*Descendants from* NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER AND AARON KNAPP

*Every man is an omnibus*

*In which his ancestors are seated.*—O. W. HOLMES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

**Dr. A. A. Knapp, President**

Because of war and travel conditions, your Executive Committee decided to cancel the Annual Meeting of the Knapp Family Association of America for this year. As you know the meeting was scheduled to be held in Newburgh on September 12. The Committee of Arrangements, Mrs. Frank Holbert, Chairman, also deemed it advisable to postpone the meeting until such time as general conditions are more favorable.

Conditions are also unfavorable, at present, for the publication of Vol. I of the **Nicholas Knapp** line, eight generations of which have been compiled. Work on the remaining generations is in progress and will be completed as soon as possible, when we hope conditions will be favorable for its publication.

Your Vice-President, Mrs. Edith L. Carter, is at work on the **Aaron Knapp** lines, several generations of which have been compiled. Association officers will be glad to receive all possible information from **Knapp** descendants so the records can be made more accurate and complete for publication. Send in your own family records, **PLEASE**.

Publication of the Bulletin will be continued by the Editor, Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson. We trust you will send any news items and interesting data about **Knapp** families to her; also that you will promptly send your membership dues to our treasurer, Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, as usual. We'll be very glad to have you send in new memberships from your family and relatives.

Your officers will continue to carry on the Association work as completely as possible during this interruption, which we hope will not be long. Your patience and co-operation will be appreciated.

The Executive Committee has recently accepted, with deep regret, the resignation of **Farwell Knapp** as vice-president. Those who attended the 1939 Annual Meeting will recall Mr. Knapp's instructive and humorous talk on "Goodwife Knapp," the wife of Roger, and will be sorry to hear that he now an invalid.

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## NOTES and COMMENTS

The editor regrets that the April Bulletin, Page 42, carried a misstatement. The article "Some Rhode Island and Massachusetts Knapps" was contributed by Madeliene M. Bubier, not Mildred.

Descendants from **Knapp** and other families whose ancestors lived in Redding, Conn., will be sorry to know that, on May 4, 1942, the Congregational Church in Redding Centre—West Redding Road was destroyed by fire. This

Church was near the Mark Twain Estate. The congregation was first organized there in 1732 and the present building was put up in 1832.

Our interested member, Miss Margaret L. Knapp, of Hartford, Conn., wrote to headquarters recently, as follows:

"I have a little manual of the Descendants of **William Knapp** of Watertown, Mass., compiled by Arthur

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Mason Knapp.....would the loan of this book be of any use to the Knapp Family Association? If so, I'll be glad to mail it to whatever officer you might name. Have we the nucleus of a permanent library in our Association as distinguished from privately owned books and articles about our Knapp family?

I remember a good many interesting things on show at the Annual meeting two years ago....."

Yes, there is such a nucleus. At headquarters, in the K. F. A. files, there are several packages of typed records and several books given to the Association. These are kept at headquarters for reference and will always be the property of the K. F. A. We extend thanks to Miss Knapp for this offer.

One member, after receiving the April issue of the Bulletin, wrote "I always read every word of the Bulletin, with interest and enjoyment, you may be sure." Thanks! This is heartening to "ye editor."

Mrs. John P. Cook, of Oklahoma, a new member of the Association has contributed several sheets of Knapp family data from the William line, with descendants from those who pioneered to New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. This contribution has been very helpful in checking over data previously sent in.

A frequent visitor at headquarters is Mrs. Jordan, association treasurer. Recently her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher Dibble, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with all their children present. Congratulations to them!

Miss Elizabeth Horton of Middletown, association Vice-President, also favored us with a call.

Dr. Knapp has received an interesting letter from John McSweeney of Iowa, conveying the news that he is now serving with the U. S. force. He also served fifteen months in the First World War. The Association knows that other members are serving and would welcome news of them.

Letters of condolence have been sent to those of our members who have been bereaved. To Mrs. W. H. Jennings of Candor, N. Y., whose husband died recently; to Miss Elizabeth Horton, on the death of her father; to Mrs. Elsie Knapp Jordan, whose father, Howard Elmer Knapp, passed away at Norwalk, Conn., June 6. Mrs. Jordan's descent is from Howard, Charles, Michael, and John of Fishkill, N. Y. to Nicholas.



Word has also come to headquarters that the widow of our deceased member, Attorney Wilmot Knapp, is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Banks and that our life member, Dr. Amos Canfield continues to be very ill. He is a brother of Mrs. W. H. Jennings.

We regret to announce that the April Bulletin, addressed to our Honorary Member Oswald G. Knapp, "somewhere in England," was returned with the notation "Insufficient address." The Bulletin was addressed as usual, and we are led to think that the town, where he had resided with a niece, was bombed.

To those who are descended from "**Lebeus Knapp**" and Rachel Storm, the following reference may be of interest. It is found in the genealogy on "Jonathan Barlow and Plain Rogers of Delaware Co., N.Y.," published 1891 of the "Barlow Genealogy," PP. 373-4. Mary Storm, b. Haverstraw, N.Y., June 20, 1760; d. Haverstraw, March 24, 1829, m. Joseph B. Allison; Rachel Storm, m. **Labeas Knapp**; Malvina Storm m. William Baisley; a brother, Robert Storm.

It is always a pleasure to receive a letter from our Vice-President, Mrs. William F. Carter. She is still trying to locate the parents of her ancestor, **Ebenezer Knapp**, b. Sept. 14, 1772, m. April 3, 1802, Polly Hill, widow of Dr. E. Safford. After the War of 1812, Ebenezer Knapp settled in town of Richmond, Ontario Co., N.Y. He and Polly had seven children. After his death, Polly married, as her third husband, Ephraim Simmons and went to Michigan. Mrs. Carter writes that she has a whole book of "**Ebenezers**", but has never been able to clear her own line. Who can help her?

## DO YOU KNOW ?

That there has been a great deal of confusion concerning the "**LYDIA KNAPPS**", one of whom married Isaac Hall and the other who married Thomas Penoyer. In our membership we have descendants from both of these. Their lineages are carried out from their generation to Nicholas Knapp, with nearly all dates of birth, marriage and death in each generation. To assist others who may still be in doubt about these two **LYDIAS**, the following data is given:

Nicholas Knapp and wife, Elinor, had Moses, b. 1645, Stamford, Conn., and Lydia, b. 1648, Stamford, Conn. Moses Knapp, b. 1645, m. 1669 Abigail Westcott and had Lydia Knapp b. .... m.

1685 Thomas Penoyer (marriage is given in Huntington's Hist. Stamford, Conn., P. 163). Lydia Knapp b. 1648 m. 1666 Dr. Isaac Hall, physician of Stratfield. (See History of Old Fairfield Families by Jacobus).

That much of the confusion about the Drake-Knapp lineages has been cleared? Further proof on some lines is desired and it is hoped that descendants having Bible or other records will send in copies to the Association so that all such data may be rechecked in preparation for publication of the "Knapp Genealogy."

Does the following help any with their problems? A communication to headquarters recently brought this information: "My great-great-grandfather was Benjamin Drake who lived in Orange Co., N.Y. near Goshen. He was born in 1734. He was still living in Goshen in 1780, but is said to have removed to Cayuga Co., N.Y. where he died. He was twice married and his second wife was **Abigail Knapp**. There was a large family of seventeen children—Joseph, William, Samuel, Jonathan, Martha, Hannah, Margaret (who also married a Knapp), Polly, Sarah, Daniel, John, Theresa, Phebe, Annis, James, Benjamin, and Abigail. I am descended from James E. who married Anna Bingham, whose people lived near Barton, Tioga Co., N.Y. They were married in 1802, so I judge James was a son of Benjamin Drake and Abigail Knapp."

Was this supposition correct? and who among our readers can send further information of the children of Benjamin and Abigail?

That our latest member is Mrs. Frederick W. Andrews, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., whose lineage goes back also through a **Knapp-Drake** line—**James Knapp**, b. May 15, 1735, d. July 22, 1779, m. Esther Drake, b. 1741, d. at the age of 90 years. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Andrews into the family circle.

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See Queries in previous Bulletins)

87. p. 44 (in answers)—Jared Knapp b. 7-27-1751, Stamford, Conn., was son of Moses and Jemima Weed **Knapp**, son of John and Hannah **Ferris Knapp**, of Caleb and Hannah Smith, of Nicholas Knapp and Elinor. **Jared Knapp** m. June 1, 1795, in Litchfield, Conn., Catherine Baldwin, of Derby, Conn., who was born 1774 and died in Hinsdale, N.Y.





107. Mary Wright (1775-1845) who m. (1) Asa Knapp in 1791 and m. (2) David Ransford of Canada, was daughter of Thomas Wright and Martha Butler.
132. Henry Knapp b. 1792, Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N.Y. m. Ann Harris. Went to Yates Twnshp., Broome Co., N.Y. in 1832. d. 1845. Their children were:  
 Mary, b. 1818, d. 1850, Broome Co., N.Y., m. Luther Harris.  
 Peter, b. 1820, d. 1918, Broome Co., N.Y., m. Cornelia Nash.  
 Unice, b. 1822, d. 1908, Broome Co., N.Y., m. Lyman Lyons.  
 Lodice, b. 1825, d. 1905, Broome Co., N.Y., m. Spink Kenyon.  
 John, b. 1827, d. 1913, Broome Co., N.Y., m. Caroline Hyde.  
 James, b. 1829, d. 1906.  
 Harriet, b. 1831, d. 1922, Broome Co., N.Y., m. Jasper Woost.  
 Cornelia and Elizabeth.  
 Henry (above) b. 1792 had ten brothers and sisters. His parents Asa Knapp b. 1-20-1768, Rehoboth, Mass. He m. (1) Betsey Chevalier, and m. (2) Phebe Gray. He is buried in Winchell Mt. Cemetery, Dutchess Co., N.Y. Asa Knapp was the son of "Hanover" Peter (1741-1804).
133. "I would say query 105 does refer to Newcomb Knapp and wife, Polly. I am a grandson of same." Asa S. Knapp, Syracuse, N.Y. (Note: He also answered 132—Editor).

## QUERIES

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135. We are confused over Dr. Hiram L. Knapp, said to be son of Joshua Knapp and Lodema Warner and Dr. Hiram Liscomb Knapp, said to be son of William Knapp and Fanna Temple. One of them married Elizabeth Easterbrook. Is Dr. Hiram one or two individuals? Where is our error? Can someone give definite information concerning him or them?
136. Please give ancestry and descendants of Thomas Knapp who married Caroline Holmes. Was he a son of Ephraim Knapp and ..... Houstin? and was he a son of Ephraim Knapp born 1762, died 1841, a Revolutionary soldier from Norton, Mass.? Are they of the William or Aaron line?
137. Was Daniel Knapp, b. April 5, 1733, Peekskill, d. 1844, at White Plains, aged 110 years, m. Mary ..... a son of Moses Knapp and Elizabeth Ogden?
138. Was Thomas Knapp, b. Dec. 14, 1756 in New York, N.Y. a son of above Daniel?
139. Who were the parents of Benjamin Knapp, b. 1758, d. August 3, 1835. m. Elizabeth .....?
140. Was Moses Knapp, son of Moses Knapp and Elizabeth Ogden, b. Peekskill, 1742. d. in Montreal, Canada in 1835, aged 91 years, a Tory? Why did he move to Montreal? Did he marry Mary Humphrey or Elizabeth Hatfield or both?
141. Wanted ancestry and descendants of Hiram Benson Knapp, b. 1853 in Ohio, d. 1930 in Mansfield, Pa. He m. Eliza Ann Paris. Thought to be son of Samuel Knapp and Zubia Benson, but proof is desired.
142. Names of descendants and addresses, from  
 1. Junius Knapp Mann, and wife, b. 5-12-1857, Fitchburg, Wis.  
 2. Anna Grace Mann, b. 3-30-1864, d. 12-12-1937 and husband John W. Scott. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary September 12, 1937, at Madison, Wis. These two were children of Isabella J. Knapp and Andrew Lewis Mann, who m. 6-18-1856. Isabella was b. in Colchester, N.Y., dau. of Alan and Betsey Phelps Knapp.
143. Who can furnish, with proof, more information concerning the "Israel Knapp" in the following? He is said to be the son of Lt. John and his wife (1st) Abigail Hoyt. There is in Stamford, Conn., Probate Records, an envelope labeled "Estate of John Knapp, deceased, son of Lt. John Knapp, decd. Adm. granted to his widow Rhoda Knapp, Aug. 8, 1764. His minor children, John, Joseph, Josiah, Sarah, William." Enclosed in the envelope is a paper labeled on the back "Israel Knapp's garden bond. Joseph Knapp, minor." In which bond, Israel Knapp of Crompond in Westchester Co., and Samuel Knapp of Fairfield Co., under date of Jan. 22, 1768 are bondsmen to the sum of 100£ for Israel Knapp "now elected guardian to Joseph Knapp a minor son of John Knapp of the town of Stamford (perhaps Stamford), decd.



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*"America shall not perish but endure  
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Editor, MRS. FLORA KNAPP DICKINSON, 489 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

April, 1943

## ANNOUNCEMENT to OUR MEMBERSHIP

Dr. A. A. Knapp, President

In spite of unfavorable war and travel conditions, we hope to call the regular annual meeting of the Knapp Family Association sometime in June, 1943, if accommodations can be secured, in New York City. Formal notice will be given in due time. While we cannot expect as large a gathering as in former years or that members can travel from such distances this summer, we do hope a loyal and devoted band of nearby members will meet, renew their interest and attend to the routine business of the Association. This is the year for election of officers and there will be many other things of vital importance to discuss and decide.

During the past months we have lost several valued members by death, but are glad to announce that Oswald Greenway Knapp of England is still alive and well. The illness of our Genealogist, Ezra Fred Knapp, has slowed down the work on preparation of Manuscripts for the Knapp Genealogy, but it is progressing. We still find many errors and inconsistencies, will you not help us to correct these by sending in to me, at once, your own complete family chart, with whatever references you have to printed authorities?

Best wishes to our members in these troublous times!

## NOTES and COMMENTS

The following is a reprint from the Bulletin, Vol. III, No. 2, P. 23:

"It has been suggested that if 40 new Life Members or 200 more Annual Members could be secured, the work of preparing the "Knapp Genealogy" for publication, could go ahead more rapidly. The first expense to be covered is the typing and correction of 'Copy!' Perhaps there are some members who would like to make contributions to cover the expense, as a Memorial to their ancestors."

Any members interested in this suggestion are asked to write to the Association President. Surely there are some new members who must be interested in doing their part to assist in putting the family records in permanent form.

Will you be a BOOSTER FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION AND ITS PURPOSES?

The following announcements all came to the Editor's desk too late for the October Bulletin, so we are happy to give you the news now, and we trust these "Juniors" will soon be enrolled in the Association:

BARRY GOODWIN KNAPP, born Sept. 21, 1942, son of  
DAVID G. and DORIS KNAPP of Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM STANLEY SMITH, JR., born June 27, 1942, son of  
WM. STANLEY and NATALIE BUTTOLPH SMITH  
of Alma, Ga.

JOHN MORGAN EVANS, born August 26, 1942, son of  
JACK MONROE and NELL BUTTOLPH EVANS  
of Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Evans are sisters, grandchildren of Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidaver of California.





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## PERSONALS

News has also been received that our member, Miss Vesta V. Knapp, of Hardwick, Vt., suffered a nervous breakdown last November and has not yet recovered. To her the Association extends greetings with the hope that she will soon be better.

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GOOD NEWS from Oswald G. Knapp in England! Late last October a letter was received from him, in which he said:

"I see, in the October Bulletin, I figure as a possible war casualty. It is not quite so bad as that, though we did have one bomb in our road a few yards away. I am now located at 'East Stoke Rectory, Wareham, Dorset, Eng.'"

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The following from members' letters to headquarters, show their continued interest:

"We missed the Knapp get-together last June."

"Sorry we had to give up our family meeting and luncheon, but hope conditions will change so we may meet in 1943."

"Too bad we could not meet last June! Let's have a meeting next June, as usual."

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In January, Mr. Eugenie Grover Carothers, of Washington, Pa., sent this news of her son, Major William Grover Benn:

"There was a wonderful article in TIME, Jan. 18 issue, P. 70, about my son. He has received the Distinguished Service Cross No. 4848 and Order of the Purple Heart No. 76100, for outstanding service somewhere in New Guinea."

The Association is proud of such records from KNAPP DESCENDANTS!

Note: On Feb. 26, word was received through the Associated Press News, Allied Headquarters in Australia that Major William G. Benn was officially listed as missing after disappearing Jan. 18 with others in a medium bomber on a survey flight near Dona, New Guinea. The news item said "Major Benn was a veteran of raids on Rabaul and last Oct. 27 was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. MacArthur for his feats in accounting for about 100,000 tons of enemy shipping."

How sad that this note had to be added! Our sympathy goes to the anxious mother, who like all others, will be brave while waiting for further news.





## MEMBERSHIP

New members in 1943:

Life Member—Robert R. Knapp, Elmhurst, N. Y.

Annual — Mrs. George Bevington, Evanston, Ill.

Annual — Mrs. R. E. Tomlinson, Montclair, N. J.

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Annual — Mrs. Harriet Knapp Merwin, Massillon, Ohio.

## IN MEMORIAM

"There is a river deep and wide  
And while along its bank we stray,  
We see our loved ones o'er its tide  
Sail from our sight, away, away."

With deep regret, and extending sympathy to all members of their families, the Association announces the following:

**Ezra Fred Knapp**, Association Genealogist, died at his winter home, 812 Fourth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Fla., on Sunday, March 14, having been ill since December. Born in Fabius, N. Y., in 1868, he had devoted a large part of his life to educational work in New York and New Jersey. For seventeen years he was Superintendent of schools of Syracuse, N. Y. For over forty years he has been at work on his avocation of compiling Knapp Family records, and these, when compilation is completed, will be a lasting memorial to him. He is known not only to our members but to hundreds of Knapp descendants all over the world with whom he has corresponded. He is survived by his widow, Martha Knapp; one son, Frederick Malcolm Knapp of Vancouver, B. C.; and one brother, William C. Knapp, of Mesenger, N. Y. He will be greatly missed in our Association activities.

**Farwell Knapp**, one of the Association Vice Presidents, passed away at his home in West Hartford, Conn., on Sept. 10, 1942. Mr. Knapp was President of Hartford College of Law from 1938 until 1942. He was associate trust officer of the Phoenix State Bank and Trust Company in Hartford at the time of his death. Because of failing health he had relinquished his partnership in the law firm of Marsh, Stoddard, and Day of Bridgeport, Conn. He left a wife, the former Helen Bayne, of South Manchester, and two daughters.

**Dr. Amos Canfield**, of 352 Riverside Drive, New York City and Candor, N. Y., died in Candor, Nov. 13, 1942, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jennings. He was a Life Member of the Association and served as a Vice President in the first election of officers. Greatly interested in family lineages, Dr. Canfield had compiled much data on Canfields and Knapps, and this Knapp data has been offered to our Association. Dr. Canfield was a member of the N. Y. G. & B. Society, and had served as President of the Tioga Historical Society for three successive terms.

**Fred Church Knapp** of Portland, Ore., succumbed to a heart attack on Jan. 24, 1943. He was President of the Knapp Lumber Assn. and was known by all his associates as a tireless worker. He, too, was greatly interested in this Association, having frequently sent letters to Headquarters. Several of our members on trips to the West had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Knapp and enjoying his hospitality.

**Frank H. Holbert**, husband of Grace Pelton Hobart, an active member, passed away suddenly on Oct. 19, 1943, at their home, Warwick, N. Y. They had but recently celebrated their golden wedding.

## CAPT. GILBERT KNAPP

### Founder of Racine, Wisconsin

In historical narratives of Racine, Wisc., two different accounts of the birth place of **Gilbert Knapp**, the Pioneer, are given. Both state that he was the son of **John** and **Sarah Smith Knapp**. One says he was born in Chatham, Cape Cod, Mass.; while the other says his father, John, settled at Horseneck, Conn. One narrative states that Sarah was the daughter of **Elijah Smith**, a substantial merchant of Barnstable, Mass. One story is that John Knapp entered the Continental Army when the Revolutionary War broke out. After the war he became Master of a Merchant Vessel which traded in European ports and when he returned from the sea, engaged in mercantile business in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. **Gilbert Knapp** was born Dec. 3, 1798—where is yet to be proved. When only fourteen, Gilbert was shipped as a sailor on a vessel commanded by Capt. Childs, an uncle by marriage. During the second war with Great Britain (1812) he shipped as Master's Mate on board the **LEO**, which was chartered by the U. S. to carry government dispatches to France. Three successful voyages were to France, and then, toward the



end of the war, Capt. Knapp transferred his marine operations to the Great Lakes. About 1820 he was a commissioned Captain in the Revenue Service. In 1828 he went to Root River (the site of the present Racine, Wisc.) and was much impressed with the spot. Later he settled in Western N. Y. on Lake Erie, but sold his interests there in 1834 and went to Root River on horseback with an Indian guide.

Realizing he needed help in locating a claim and starting a settlement, he interested G. S. Hubbard, of Chicago, in his enterprise. The settlement was first called Port Gilbert, and was the first white settlement of South East Wisconsin. Gilbert Knapp was a member of the legislature of Wisconsin Territory in 1836, 37, and 38. During the War of the Rebellion, he again took command of a ship.

In April 1821, he had married Maria Annan, daughter of Robert J. Annan, of Annandale, Scotland. She died in Erie, Pa., in 1828, leaving four children. Of these, it is known that Robert Annan Knapp was born March 3, 1822 and died in Racine, Aug. 1876; Gilbert Knapp, Jr., became a Planter at Little Rock, Ark.; and Mary Annan Knapp m. Alexander McClurg of Racine. A son, Gilbert McClurg, died in Racine, in 1934.

In 1831, Capt. Knapp married a sister of his first wife, who lived only a year. He married as his third wife, in 1837, Almira Meach, at Clinton, N. Y. She died in 1876, and Capt. Gilbert Knapp died at Racine, Wisc., July 31, 1887. History records the fact flags were flown from half mast from public buildings and on ships in Racine harbor. His only remaining son came from Arkansas to attend the funeral.

Pages could be written about the pioneering spirit of this Capt. Gilbert Knapp. Those wishing to know more about him may read from the references given below.

Racine, An Historical Narrative. Leach (1920).

History of Racine County, Wisconsin. Vol. I, P. 66.

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See queries in previous Bulletins).

112. In Spies' Gravestones Inscriptions, Northfield Ground, Stamford, Conn., is found this record:

"Enos Lockwood, b. May 30, 1731, d. 12 Feb. 1802. Buried Potomac Ave. Yard. Died Sound Beach,

Conn." Elizabeth (Knapp), his wife, d. Greenwich, Conn., 9 Jan. 1787.

Hannah Knapp, 2d wife, d. Greenwich, Conn., 7 July, 1810 ae 74, dau. of Charles Knapp and Berthia Weed.

Also from Stamford Probate Records—Mead, Vol. 2, P. 46, gives Elizabeth Knapp as wife of Enos Lockwood:

"Daniel Knapp, late of Stamford, Feb. 13, 1761. Letters adm'd. on said estate, granted to Reuben Knapp of Stamford. Inventory taken Feb. 18, 1761 by Joseph Husted and Chas. Webb. Estate ordered distributed to his brothers and sister, Reuben, David, James, Caleb, Nathan, Amos, and Elizabeth, wife of Enos Lockwood."

140. In New York Marriages—Tucker, P. 216, is this record: "Moses Knapp married Mary Humphreys, Mar. 25, 1761." Does this date help to answer the query?

Silas Constant's Journal, P. 288, states: "Moses Knapp, youngest son (of Nicholas) was admitted freeman of Conn. in May 1670. He probably lived at Stamford where he married in 1669, Abigail, dau. of Richard Westcoat. His grandson, Moses (Knapp), b. Stamford, Oct. 1710, accompanied his father, Moses Knapp to N. Y. (state) where the father was one of the Patentees of White Plains, 13 March 1721. Moses Knapp settled at Yorktown (N. Y.) where he died 7 May 1795. His wife, Elizabeth Ogden, b. Jan. 1702, d. 23 Jan. 1770."

## QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query", and send to the Genealogist or Headquarters, so that answers may be published in future issues.

Symbols: b.—born; m.—married; d.—died

144. Was Benjamin Drake's first wife a daughter of Jedediah Canfield, of Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y.?
145. Wanted the ancestry of Anna Knapp who m. Apr. 7, 1799, William Thorn in N. Y. C. They had a son, William Knapp Thorn, b. N. Y. C. See Dutch Ref. Church Recs., N. Y. C. for marriage.





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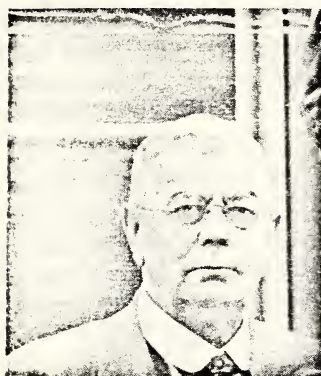
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## A TRIBUTE TO OUR LATE GENEALOGIST

by Dr. A. A. Knapp



**EZRA FRED KNAPP**

Assn. Genealogist 1936-43

The Knapp Family Association of America has sustained a tremendous loss in the untimely death of its Genealogist, **Ezra Fred Knapp**. He knew more about the Knapp families in America than anyone else. For fifty years he had accumulated data with untiring industry and energy. All his spare time was devoted to his correspondence and card indexes. His vacations were largely spent in visiting individuals, libraries, cemeteries and searching the records in court houses throughout the country. He had accumulated a great storehouse of names, facts and figures, all of which were best known and interpreted by himself. Before his death, he had typed his findings in the first eight generations of the Nicholas lines comprising more than 5200 names which will serve as a substantial foundation upon which to build a complete genealogy of that line. All of his card index has been sent to me to be used as needed to complete the records, after which it will be deposited in some library for safe keeping and to be used by others interested in this line of research. When added to my card index it will include some 40,000 cards, dealing with all four

ancestral lines and with unconnected lines as well. He has made a great contribution to our genealogical knowledge—far more than any of his predecessors have done—which will be appreciated more and more as time goes on.

I have known him for some 20 years, through visits to his home and through an extensive correspondence. There being only one day difference in our ages and with similar tastes and objectives we were drawn very close together. We exchanged records, views and opinions with the utmost freedom and liberality. He was always cheerful, friendly and congenial, honest in his records, opinions and conclusions. He gave freely of his records to correspondents seeking information, though often at a sacrifice to himself in time and money. His vigorous mind and strong body were always freely used to help others.

He always deplored the fact that he could not devote more time and money

to searching cemeteries and official records. He recognized that his records were incomplete and that a great deal of research would be necessary to finish them. He found it impossible to do this by correspondence because of the indifference of so many to the subject. As his field of knowledge widened, so did his horizon and revealed the need of a vast amount of work yet to be done.

We trust that others will take up the torch of light and investigation that has fallen from his hand and carry it on to greater heights of knowledge and achievement. Let us all help in every way we can.



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## NOTES and COMMENTS

Because of transportation and war conditions, it was thought advisable to postpone our Annual Meeting in 1943. Some necessary business has been transacted by the Executive Committee. The Bulletin will continue to reach you and will continue to keep you informed and interested in what is being done. But now our greatest task and duty is to help the War efforts in every way we can.

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The resignation of Mrs. William F. Carter as Vice President was accepted by the Executive Committee, with deep regret. Mrs. Carter has been a splendid contributor to Association activities in contributing many records, assisting with the exhibits at annual meetings, securing new members and giving many helpful suggestions during the past five years. We are pleased to be able to state that Mrs. Carter has promised to continue her active interest in all Association affairs.

To fill the two vacancies in the office of Vice President, Justus Willis Knapp of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. C. E. Carothers, of Washington, Pa., have consented to serve. Each will have a special duty to perform and already they have demonstrated their interest. Mr. Knapp will assist in bringing the "William Knapp lineages" down to date, and Mrs. Carothers will serve as chairman of adult membership committee with a group of members to assist in this work. The Association is happy to welcome these new officers!

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Because of the death of Ezra Fred Knapp, our genealogist, the Association President, Dr. A. A. Knapp of Peoria, is carrying on the compiling of the genealogy. This is a great deal of extra work for a busy M.D. Will you, dear members, assist him by sending in notices of births, marriages, and deaths, also complete Bible or Family records that will help in verifying lineages already on file?

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Word has been received from Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidaver in California of the birth, recently, of twin daughters to Mrs. Joy B. Mumford of Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Mumford is the daughter of Durward Bunnell, son of Mrs. Vidaver. Two more prospective members, we hope!





We understand that plans are being made to hold the 1944 N.S.D.A.R. Congress in New York City during the week of April 19, and we believe that week would be an excellent time to have a "Get-together" of Knapp descendants," as there are always many attending such a Congress. In the spring, please advise headquarters if you plan to attend the Congress, and also if you would favor a "K.F.A." meeting at that time.

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The following item appeared in the July issue of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Quarterly:

"The Society desires to express appreciation to Mrs. Eleanor Jennings for her donation of the Manuscripts on the Canfield and allied families of Hall, Temple, and Knapp, together with the records on the Forshay and Van Wart families of Westchester county, N. Y."

These records were valued at \$200. The Knapp MSS had been offered to our Association by Mrs. Jennings, an active member, but it was deemed advisable to let them go with the others to the N. Y.G.&B.

### IN MEMORIAM

Extending sympathy to all members of their families, the Association announces, with deep regret, the death of these members:

**James B. Knapp**, of Flushing, N. Y., a life member, having joined in June 1940, passed away at his home on June 9. He is survived by three married sisters, Mrs. Jessie M. Fay, Mrs. Edith Turner and Mrs. Catherine Ballou.

**Mrs. Alice Sylvester** of Vicksburg, Mich., who joined in 1937, died April 18. The notice was sent by her daughter, Mrs. James Barron of Kalamazoo, Mich. It is hoped she will always continue the interest her mother had in the Knapp families.

**Edmund E. Knapp** of Milan, Kans., a brother of our President, Dr. A. A. Knapp, passed away June 24. He joined the Association in 1938.

**Mrs. Jacob K. Johler**, twin sister of Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidaver, died in June. She had been a member since June 20, 1938. Her home was in Scranton, Pa.

### LAUNCHING of the U.S.S. KNAPP

On July 10, at Bath, Me., the U.S.S. KNAPP was launched, the new Destroyer being named in honor of the late **Vice Admiral Harry Shepard Knapp**, U.S.N., brother of Miss Margaret L. and Miss Mary C. Knapp of Hartford, Conn. The sisters, both members of the K.F.A. were sponsors of the Ship.

The following extracts were taken from an account of the launching, printed in the New Milford, Conn. Times of July 15:

"A native of New Britain, and a graduate of the Naval Academy in 1880, **Vice Admiral Knapp**, served during the War with Spain as a Lt. with the North Atlantic Fleet. In 1916 he commanded the Cruiser force at San Domingo and late that year as Rear Admiral was given command of the Cruiser force of the Atlantic Fleet. He was later on duty as Naval Representative at Paris and at London Headquarters of the American Naval forces operating in European waters. Vice Admiral Knapp, who died in 1923, was awarded the Navy Cross for meritorious service as Military Governor of San Domingo and Military Representative of the U. S. in Haiti in 1917-18.

Capt. Russell S. Hitchcock, U. S. N., represented the Navy. The Destroyer was dressed with flags, and painted the usual dull gray above the water line . . . the twin bottles of champagne were attached to her by long cords from above. They were cased in netting, covered with red, white, and blue ribbons, banded with pleated bands of the same and were very ornamental . . . the two sponsors were escorted to a small platform considerably above the ground level. They were first photographed with armfuls of red roses presented by the firm (The Bath Iron Works Corp.), each holding a bottle by a loop over the wrist . . . as the ship began to move they struck her sharply, one from right to left the other from left to right. It was said the bottles broke at exactly the same moment, flooding the bow with sparkling foam . . . it was called a lucky christening and the delightful people present made it a very happy occasion."

How proud this Association is of this latest honor extended to a Knapp descendant. Congratulations to the Sponsors!





## MEMBERSHIP

Since April 1943—

Transferred to Life Membership:

Knapp, George Nelson, Sierra Madre, Calif., who wrote, "In doing this, I am prompted by 'Comments' in Bulletin, Vol. 7, No. 1, which has just arrived. The Bulletin does not state how one may become a Life Member, but I assume that if one has the \$10 to spare and the inclination to boost the Association's ambition, other requirements might be waived."

Thanks to this member in California! We wish other members would be as prompt in answering suggestions.

Judd, Zadock Knapp, Jr. .... Kanab, Utah  
Ford, Mrs. Esther ..... Kanab, Utah  
Judd, Asa W. .... Fredonia, Ariz.  
Judd, H. E. .... Fredonia, Ariz.

New Life Members:

Lee, Mrs. John A., of Portland, Ore., a niece of Fred Church Knapp, deceased.

Knapp, Mrs. Ezra Fred, Nedrow, N. Y., who wrote, "My interest will always be in the Knapp Family Association."

The Association is proud to have these as Life Members.

## HONORS to a JUNIOR KNAPP in Lawrence, Kansas

The Lawrence Journal World of May 10, carried a story about a "Local Girl Wins Prize."

This local girl was **Mary Knapp**, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Knapp, and a junior in the Liberty Memorial High School. She had entered a contest sponsored by the National Scholastic Magazines, for the lettering of the Army Oath. Mary won the first prize of \$25, out of 42 scholarship awards, and also a "Certificate of Merit." The paper printed a copy of the Army Oath as lettered so beautifully by this junior, who is an art student. The clipping from the paper has been put in the Association scrapbook for future generations to see. We are proud of you and your ability, Mary. May you continue to win other honors!

This prayer is being offered daily at noon in the Cathedral, Washington, D.C. and in many other parts of the world. It is given, in the hope that all readers of it here will join in using it for the duration of the war.

"Almighty God, we commit our country to Thy keeping in the fiery trials of war. Strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces, those who labor in field and factory, and

those who maintain the front at home. Guide all who are set in authority over us; bless all ministers of mercy; comfort the lonely and bereaved. Give to each of us a sense of mutual service and hasten the advent of a just and righteous peace. We pray in His name who gave His life for us all, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See queries in previous Bulletins).

In re **Drake** data on P. 47, the following has been sent in:

"Josias Deatz m. Aeltje Adams Brower. He d. 1701. Came from Amsterdam to Breucklin (Brooklyn) in 1661. His son John Drake changed name from Deatz to Drake) m. Madeline Brower, descendant of Annetjie Jans. John was b. 1687, d. 1780 in Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Their son, Benjamin Drake b. 1734 m. (2) Abigail Knapp, and he died at Owasco Lake, Cayuga Co., N. Y."

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142. Want complete list of children of **Timothy Knapp**, son of Nicholas, and their marriages. Also correct name of Timothy's wife. It has been printed in different records as Brandish, Brundage, Bowdich, etc.
143. Did Hannah, dau. of **Timothy Knapp** and Martha Weeks, marry Nathaniel Finch or Fitch? Did their dau., Hannah m. Charles Knapp of Pochuck? If not, whose dau. was this last-named Hannah?
144. Whose daughter was **Hannah Knapp** who married (1) Nathaniel Cross and (2) Samuel Palmer?
145. Who has names of parents of the brothers — **Lebbeus**, **Silas**, **Jonas**, and **Jared Knapp**, born at Horse-neck, Conn. Give reference for documentary proof.



*General*

# The Knapp Family Association of America BULLETIN

*Descendants from* NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER AND AARON KNAPP

*"With us their names shall live through long succeeding years,  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. A. A. Knapp

It has been a long time since our Knapp Family Association has enjoyed a reunion. Would you like to have another meeting this summer or fall? If so, when? Please express your desires.

I have thought it would be of interest to all of our members to see the faces of your officers. You have already seen your President and our late Genealogist. In this issue I have requested that our Secretary—Editor's picture appear. If you approve of this plan, pictures of other officers will follow. Tell us what you like.

The work of compiling our records is progressing slowly. We still need your help in supplying your own recent family records as well as **proof** in our many disputed early records. We can get recent records only if you send them in, and we do need them down to the present time, to complete our genealogy. Won't you please send in your own records promptly and **NOW**?

We shall be glad to receive your suggestions as to our future activities.

Because of the many activities during the week of N. S. D. A. R. Congress in New York City, April 16-22, it seems inadvisable to call our Association meeting at that time.

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## FROM OUR TREASURER

Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, treasurer, reports that renewals of annual memberships have been coming in very promptly and the Association wishes to extend thanks for these. Perhaps this will be a reminder to some. New members are listed from Georgia, Colorado, Wisconsin, California, Kansas, New Jersey, and New York.

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## INFORMATION

New members may like to know that the January 1940 issue of *Americana* carried on its cover page, the Knapp Family coat-of-arms in color. Copies should be ordered from "The American Historical Soc., Inc.," 80 Eighth Avenue, New York City. Single copies, \$1.00.

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Owing to the shortage of paper and increase in price for printing, stationery with the Knapp coat-of-arms has been discontinued for the "duration."

## WORTH WORKING FOR

The following offer is open to any member of the Association:

A **Life Membership** to those who secure, between April 1, 1944 and April 1, 1945

5 New Life Members  
or

25 New Annual Members

**Who will be the first to qualify for this Life Membership?** If one who is a Life member should qualify, he may name any descendant he wishes for the award.





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## NOTES and COMMENTS

One member writes that she is much interested in collecting information concerning the family and would also like to be of service to the Association.

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"Enclosed is check for my annual dues. I suppose some of the activity of the Association may be in abeyance by reason of the War, and perhaps for the duration, but the Association must be maintained actively, in any event," was a comment from California.

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We read some time ago about Robert H. Knapp of Norwich, N. Y., who, at that time, was flying an airplane faster than any other person, over Amden, Germany, and near the end of his flight said: "Lord, I'll take over now. Thanks, Lord." Truly, the spirit of our fathers animates the sons!

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The following is copied from the Hartford Times, Hartford, Conn., Oct. 23, 1943, Genealogical page, Query A-2695:

"Nicholas Knapp, emigrant, d. Stamford, Conn., Sept. 16, 1670; wife, Eleanor d. there Aug. 16, 1658.

The late Judge H. Stanley Finch, long Surrogate Judge at Stamford and a keen student of Lockwood, Finch, and allied families, gave his opinion that Eleanor, wife of Nicholas Knapp, was a daughter of Edmund Lockwood



of Combs, Suffolk, Eng., and sister of Edmund Lockwood (1594-1635) of Cambridge, Mass., and of Robert Lockwood (1600-1658) of Watertown, Mass., and Fairfield, Conn. This seems probable though documentary proof is lacking."

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The Association extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Bellinger, Jr. on the arrival of a son, Peter Rodney, born January 15, 1944. Mrs. Bellinger will be remembered by all who have attended former Annual Meetings as a niece of Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown.

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Whenever in New York City, all Knapp descendants, whether or not members of this Association, are invited to call at our headquarters' office, 489 Fifth Avenue, opposite the Public Library at 42nd Street.

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Recently we heard from our active member, John McSweeney of Iowa, who is now a Captain in the Field Artillery. He also served in the First World War. We would like to know about our other members who may be serving their country in any branch of the service.

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Letters of sympathy have been sent to our members, Mrs. James Henry Jordan, East Orange, N. J., whose husband passed away in 1943; to Mrs. Heathe Gregory, also of East Orange, whose husband, a veteran of World War I, died in Dec. 1943, as a result of injuries received in that War; and to Mrs. Foster H. W. Kynes, of Westfield, whose husband died in February.

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Word has just been received of the death on March 12, of Harry S. Knapp, at St. Petersburg, Fla. His widow survives. Their home was in Belleair Park, N. Y. Further notice in next Bulletin.

## ANTHONY KNAPP of Newburyport, Mass.

(From notes sent in by  
Kenneth E. Marshall)

"Anthony Knapp ran away from home and joined the Privateer Brig 'Decatur' as a seaman. He was with this boat many years, capturing many prizes. He was mate of the Brig lying at Martinique. The Master of the boat died

aboard and Anthony brought the vessel home to Boston, receiving a handsome present from the owners. He was Captain of the Brig 'Two Brothers' of Newburyport. He was taken by pirates on the south side of Santo Domingo, Dec. 21, 1822, being bound from Santo Domingo to Jacquermel. The Captain and the crew were set adrift but arrived in Jacquermel Dec. 28, 1822. The pirates sank their boat and used the 'Two Brothers' as a pirate Brig. Capt. Anthony had \$3000 with which to buy cargo. He placed it in some boots and handed them to his brother Samuel who was second mate, saying that he might need some boots. The pirates did not suspect there was anything in the boots."

## MEMBERSHIP

Since October 1943—

Transferred to Life Membership:

McCoy, Mrs. Clarence, Glendale, Calif.

### New Life Members:

Schafer, Mrs. J. E., Wichita, Kans.

Neitman, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Waupun, Wisc.

Knapp, David E., Beacon, N. Y.

### New Annual:

Stanton, Mrs. Chas. C., Sr., Atlanta, Ga.

Knapp, Clifford G., Denver, Colo.

Neff, Mrs. Florence M., Lake Mills, Wisc.

Marshall, Kenneth E., San Gabriel, Calif.

Adams, Mrs. Horatio M., Somerville, N. J.

The Association welcomes these new members and urges each to be active in securing other new members. Please contribute Knapp data to our President to use in checking and correcting data in the files.

Mr. Kenneth E. Marshall of California, recently sent a large package of data which is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. C. E. Carothers, Chairman of the Membership Committee of Washington, Pa., now numbers on her committee 29 members from 25 states. Certainly there should soon be very fine results if each will really be a "go-getter" for the Association.





## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See queries in previous Bulletins)

12. **Jonas Knapp**, b. 1789, d. 12-17-1856, m. 1-28-1805 **Charlotte Knapp**, is said to have been son of **Jared Knapp** and **Jane Williams**, lived in **Stony Point, N. Y.** **Charlotte Knapp** was daughter of **Libbeus Knapp** and **Rachel Storms**.
33. **Luke Knapp**, b. abt. 1742, d. 1845, m. 7-19-1764 **Anna Ketcham**, is said to be son of **John Knapp** and ..... **Taylor**, who lived in **Danbury**. A list of **John Knapp's** children from a descendant, with proof, would be appreciated.
140. Perhaps the following items will be of assistance in clearing the confused records of many "**Moses Knapps**."
- Moses Knapp**, b. Aug. 6, 1709, **Stamford, Conn.**, was son of **John Knapp** and **Hannah Ferris**, m. 1692. This **Moses Knapp** m. **Stamford, Conn.**, Nov. 25, 1731, **Jemima Mead** (*American Ancestry* by **Savage**, Vol. 7, P. 298 gives her name as **Weed**. See also **Stamford Registration** and **Mead's Probate Records Fairfield Co., Conn.**, PP. 58 and 94). **Moses Knapp** m. (2) 12 May 1767 **Rachel Weed Buxton**. All his children were said to be by first wife and were: **Jemima**, **Ebenezer**, **Moses**, **Abraham**, **Tamesin**, **Jabez**, **Phebe**, **Sarah**, **Jane**, **Isaac**, and **Jared**.
- Moses Knapp**, son of **Nichols**, m. **Abigail Westcoat**. Their dau., **Abigail Knapp** m. **John Crissey**.
- Moses Knapp** (son of **Caleb**, of **Nicholas**) m. **Elizabeth Crissey** (See *Com. Biog. Record Fairfield Co., Conn.*, P. 612).

Vol. II, No. 1, of the Bulletin, last page, there was a reference to **Israel Knapp** and wife, **Mary Hennion** (**Lenion**), so the following may be of interest to some of their descendants:

"**Israel Knapp**, of **Philips Precinct**, Aug. 1, 1785, wife, **Mary**. Executors—**John Height**, **Miles Scofield**. Wits—**Samuel Montcross**, **Thomas Lenion** (**Henion**) Feb. 23, 1797." (Ref: *Dutchess Co., N. Y. Probate Recs. MSS.*)

## QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query", and send to **Dr. A. A. Knapp**, President, so that answers may be published in future issues.

Symbols: b.—born; m.—married; d.—died

146. The Revolutionary War records of **Joseph Knapp**, son of **Joseph Knapp** and **Elizabeth** ..... ?, and of **Joseph Knapp**, son of **David Knapp** and **Rachel Close**, are confused. Who of their descendants can give us the correct service of each?
147. Parents wanted of **Nehemiah Knapp**, b. 1741 and married (**Jane**) **Wiltse**, went from **East Chester, N. Y.** to **Shenandoah, Dutchess Co., N. Y.**, soon after the **Rev. War**. (Several of our members are anxious to qualify for membership in **D. A. R.** or **S. A. R.** Societies through this ancestor.)
148. Wanted the complete list of children of **Jonas Knapp** and wife **Catherine Silkman**, who resided in **Haverstraw, N. Y.**; also marriages of the children.
149. **Willison Luke Knapp** was b. 1834 in **McKean Co., Pa.** His mother was **Mary Ann** (**Lewis**) wife of ..... ? **Knapp**. Who can furnish, with proof, this **Knapp's** first name?
150. Wanted complete list of children of **Daniel Knapp** and wife (her name wanted). He is said to have been son of **Moses Knapp** and **Elizabeth Ogden**.
151. Who were the children of **Jonah Knapp** and **Ann Parks** of **Greenwich, Conn.**? Give marriages, too.
152. Whose son was **Jonathan Knapp** who married **Amy Smith**, Feb. 3, 1783 in **Susquehanna Co., Pa.**?
153. Wanted ancestry and descendants of **Caleb Knapp** who died in **Northumberland Co., Pa.**, estate admd. Nov. 5, 1778. Letters granted to **John Brady**. Wits. **Samuel Hunter** and **William Sayers**. (Ref. *Pennsylvania Gen.*, Vol. 13, P. 51.)

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## — A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS —

### How Much Will You Help?

The answer to the question, "How soon will the Knapp Genealogy be printed?" rests largely with you, members of this Association. The genealogy will not be printed until you and you and you take interest enough to send in answers to "Queries" in the Bulletins, as well as records of your own lineages from which to check over the Manuscript copy now ready for corrections.

Our Association President, Dr. A. A. Knapp, who has taken up the genealogical work left unfinished by the death, last year, of the genealogist, Ezra Fred Knapp, is unwilling to have the records printed until corrected to the best of his ability with the assistance of all members.

You, too, as Knapp descendants, do not wish to have the family genealogy printed until errors have been eliminated. Of course, all genealogies have some errors. This is to be expected because mistakes were made in copying from early manuscripts, many of which were illegible, and those mistakes copied again and again.

Even though, when you joined the Association, you did send an outline of your lineage on a membership card, you can assist now by sending complete records of your ancestors from family Bibles, family registers, tombstones and town records. Many of you have, doubtless, answers to the queries printed in the Bulletins since March 1937, including this issue.

**WILL YOU SEND IN TO DR. KNAPP THESE ANSWERS? WILL YOU SEND IN YOUR FAMILY RECORDS, with whatever proofs you have? The Association is calling on you for help. GIVE IT NOW.**

**The Editor.**

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### A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On June 25, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Knapp celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Peoria, Ill. They were "at home" to their friends on Sunday evening. Hundreds of messages were

received from those, far and near, unable to attend the Reception. Their daughter, Miss Mary Knapp, assisted in receiving the many, many friends of our President and his wife.



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### MEMBERSHIP

Again the treasurer is happy to announce that several members, who had forgotten about their dues, have paid in full and some in advance. This is good news!

#### New Members Since April 1944

##### **Life Members:**

Edward C. Knapp, Hartford, Conn.  
Mrs. Donald Rowles, Challis, Idaho.  
Mrs. H. A. Poole, Milton, Mass.

##### **Annual Members:**

Mrs. O. M. Belnap, Blackfoot, Idaho.  
George C. Terry, Milpitas, Calif.  
Mrs. Lucia N. Francher, Troy, N. Y.

### IN MEMORIAM

Harry S. Knapp, who passed away last March, was present at the organization meeting of this Association and was one of the first to become a Life Member. He served faithfully for two years as a Vice President, attended the meetings and helped to promote the purposes of our Society. He had retired from business activities in New York. In St. Petersburg, Fla., he and his wife were enjoying the days of leisure and sunshine. He will be missed from our circle.





## NOTES and COMMENTS

Mrs. Perry R. Duncan of Milford, Conn., has five lines to Nicholas Knapp. Who can equal or exceed that record?

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In her ancestry Mrs. Margaret V. Stanton of Atlanta, Ga., has three Knapp lines. Trying to forget her anxiety about her son overseas in World War II, during sleepless nights, Mrs. Stanton writes that she tries to think about her ancestral lines, and their intermarriages with the Hobbys.

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Dr. A. A. Knapp is thinking seriously of taking three or four months this winter from his professional activities to work on corrections for the **Knapp Genealogy**. It is a wonderful thing for this Association that Dr. Knapp is willing to give so much valuable time to the genealogy.

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Mrs. Edith Smith Young of St. Simon Island, Ga., writes that her immigrant ancestor's Will (**AARON KNAPP**) is recorded in Vol. 33-34 of the Mayflower Descendant Magazine and wonders why it was of interest to that Society. (Though the Knapp immigrant ancestors did not arrive on the "Mayflower", some of their descendants have intermarried with Mayflower descendants.—Editor.)

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From the sisters Miss Mary C. and Miss Margaret L. Knapp of Hartford, Conn. who, on July 10, 1943, christened the destroyer **U.S.S. Knapp**, reports have been received that this Destroyer somewhere in the Pacific is making a fine record.

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knapp of Idaho is a ball turret gunner on a "Liberator" somewhere overseas. Mrs. Knapp writes: "We, like others with sons and daughters in service, have half our heart 'over there'".

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Staff Sgt. Phil N. Knapp, son of Mrs. Sarah E. Knapp of Sugar City, Idaho, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross "for extraordinary achievement while serving as waist gunner of a B-17 airplane over Germany and German-occupied countries." He also holds the air medal with three oak leaf clusters. Fine work!

Please send in news of your sons and daughters in the service.

## MOSES KNAPP, LOYALIST

(From a descendant living in Canada)

"I am a direct descendant of one Moses Knapp, Captain in a Westchester Loyalist Regiment during the Revolutionary War. He was married to Elizabeth Hatfield and came to Canada after 1783. He died in Montreal on August 16, 1833, his age being then given as 91 years. His wife, Elizabeth, died on May 29, 1815, no age being given.

His children, or rather, those of his children I have known about, were:

**Mary Knapp**, married in Fanningsburg, Nova Scotia, in 1760 to Samuel Kipp, another Loyalist Captain from Westchester County. She died in Montreal, April 5, 1838 at 72 years of age.

**Elizabeth Knapp**, born on November 30, 1770, married to Oliver Smith, died in Montreal, Dec. 10, 1845, a widow.

**Moses Knapp** first married to Catherine . . . who died on Aug. 12, 1811, and secondly, on April 18, 1818, to Sarah Brewner, who died Aug. 13 1819. He died on Jan. 22, 1839, in Montreal, leaving descendants bearing his name.

"As to Moses Knapp, the loyalist, I know nothing. Can you identify him for me? Also what are the aims and objects of your family Association? Might I qualify as a member?"

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On P. 39, in "The Hatfields of Westchester . . . by Abraham Hatfield," the following information is given:

"Elizabeth Hatfield, dau. of Israel Hatfield and Mary . . . married **Moses Knapp**, son of **Moses Knapp, jr.**, of White Plains and Courtland Manor . . . He was one of Delancey's refugees who went to Nova Scotia in July 1783. They were living in Ramshay Cumberland Co., N. S. in 1786 . . . he had lived in Dutchess Co., enlisted in 1758 in Company of Provincials raised as part of quota of the City of New York."

Was this the Moses who m.(1) in 1761 Mary Humphreys of New York?



## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See queries in previous Bulletins)

16. **John Knapp** 1761-1809 who m. (1) Elizabeth Kellum and (2) Patience? Is said to be son of **Jonah Knapp** 1739-1820 and Ann Parks.

**Sarah Knapp**, who married Major David Hobby, both buried in Middle Patent Cem., North Castle Township, was dau. of Joshua Knapp as proven in his Will, found in Fairfield, Conn. Probate Records, Vol. I, P. 140. Will made 1772, Pro. 1776.

## QUERIES

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155. Wanted, with proof, complete list of children of **Moses Knapp** (1643-) and Abigail Westcott, m. 1669, with children's marriages.
156. Proof of the ancestry of Hannah Ferris who married 1692 **John Knapp** (1664-1749).
157. Who were the parents of **Israel Knapp** d. 1795 m. Mary Hennion c. 1777? He has been credited to Moses and Abigail Westcott and to another Israel Knapp and Mary.
158. Who was the wife of **Moses Knapp, jr.** Patentee in White Plains, there in 1721? It was his son, **Moses Knapp** b. 1710, Stamford Conn., who is said to have married Elizabeth Ogden and resided in Peekskill. We would like Bible records and Wills for proof.
159. Who were the parents of **Jonah Knapp** b. 1706 and who was his wife? Where was he born and married? Give list of his children. This also must be proven with Town records, Bible records or Wills.
160. Wanted information, with proof, as to the parentage and descendants of each of the following:
- Uriah Knapp** b. 1752 where?  
**Jonah Knapp** b. 1739.  
**Nehemiah Knapp** b. 1741  
**Eli Knapp** b. about 1740.  
**Jonathan Knapp** b. 1739.  
**Sylvanus Knapp** b. 1745.  
**Libbeus Knapp** b. c 1739.  
**Silas Knapp** b. c 1751.  
**Jonas Knapp** b. c 1752.  
**Jared Knapp** b. 2-29-1719.
- This information is desired for the purpose of checking and correcting data already recorded.
161. Wanted the children of **Ebenezer Knapp** and Elizabeth Finch, married 1724, and children's marriages.
161. Who were the parents of **Ezra Knapp** b. 4-30-1755, m. Phoebe Fairchild? and of **Enos Knapp** b. 1744, m. Mary Lockwood? of **Charles Knapp** b. ca 1760, m. Hannah.....? Several contradictory statements have been submitted concerning these.
171. Among other children, **Benjamin Knapp** 1704-1772 and wife, Mary (or Susannah) Miller m 6-3-1731, are said to have had a dau., **Mary Knapp**, baptd. 9-10-1749. Did she marry Samuel Webb or John Parker or both? Another dau., **Deborah Knapp**, baptd. same day, married John Parker or James Palmer. Which one?
172. Who were the parents of **Darius Knapp** b. 1789; **Benjamin Fairchild Knapp** b. 1803; Henry, Bartholomew; Ophelia and Clara? Benjamin F. married Sarah Patee and lived near Lima, N. Y., to Brownstown, Mich., before 1830. It is thought Benj. F. was born in Connecticut.
173. Who were the forebears of **Mary Knapp**, who married, April 17, 1766, Norton, Mass., Peletiah Day? She had a son, **Moses Knap Day** who was a twin.

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## — A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS —

We have just finished our first typing of the first seven generations of the descendants of **Nicholas Knapp**, one copy of which is in the hands of our secretary for safe keeping. We still sorely need the help of our entire membership in furnishing proof of their ancestral lines so that errors in our records may be corrected. These seven generations comprise nearly 4,600 names and have finished about one-third of our fully traced indexed cards. The volume of detailed work is stupendous! I can hardly comprehend it all and need whatever help you can give, to finish it. We especially need records of the last three generations to bring our records down to date. Please give names, dates, and places of residence, for each member of your families for the last three generations, as well as the earlier ones. We are very grateful for the twenty-five replies on blanks sent out with the last Bulletin. They have helped us considerably. If you were not among those who sent replies, do so now!

A general meeting of the Association had been planned for this summer but travel restrictions now do not seem favorable for it. If conditions improve and a meeting seems possible in the fall, you will be notified.

Let us pray that the horrors of war will soon be over; that our loved ones will soon be returned to us; and that we can again resume our normal way of life. Our deepest sympathy is extended to those who have suffered losses in their families.

ALFRED A. KNAPP, President

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Mrs. Carolyn Knapp Shotwell** of Haverstraw, N. Y., passed away on December 2, 1944. She was a sister of Miss Jeanette Knapp.

Other members who have died since October are **Mrs. Harriet Knapp Merwin** of Massilon, Ohio, and **Miss Anna Belle Knapp** of Newburgh.

**Second Lt. Edgar A. Knapp, jr.**, a fighter pilot, was killed on February 1,

when his plane crashed in England. His funeral, at an American Cemetery near his air base, was attended by his sister, **Miss Elizabeth Knapp** who is in England with the American Red Cross. He was the son of our member, **Edgar A. Knapp** of Rumson, N. J.

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Miss Carrie V. Knapp,  
Lake Worth, Fla."

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**A Correction**—October 1945 Bulletin was Vol. VIII, No. 2, not No. 1.

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Copies of the **Finch Family Bulletin** No. 1, Jan. 1945, Pearl A. Marshall, Sec., 1734 Ardendale Ave., San Gabriel, Calif., and the **Patchin (Patchen) Family Bulletin** (sixth number) have been received at headquarters from Dr. A. A. Knapp. The Association is glad to exchange copies of such Bulletins with any family having "**Knapp**" lines in its family genealogy.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Goshen, N. Y., will observe its 225th Anniversary in June 1945. Plans are being made for the publication of an Anniversary Book, at \$2 per copy. There will be approximately 144 Pages of text and pictures. It is intended to be of value as a reference and source book for the genealogist, antiquarian, and student of Orange County, N. Y., Colonial Life. On the publication and circulation committee is the name of our member, Miss Mabel Knapp of Goshen.

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It is most gratifying to receive requests from libraries for copies of the Bulletin to complete their files. Such requests have recently been received from libraries in Oregon and New Hampshire. The Bulletin is a go-getter for members, too, as a recent letter said: "I have been reading each issue of the Bulletin for the past three years and have decided I would like to join. Please send further information concerning this."

How many new members have you secured?

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**ENOS KNAPP — 1744-1824**

Of Old Greenwich, Conn.

The Stamford Advocate, of Stamford, Conn., in its issue of Jan. 25, 1930, printed an artist's sketch of the old "Enos Knapp House of Sound Beach (now Old Greenwich again). This should be of interest to many of Enos's descendants. This Enos Knapp served as a Corporal of the Guard in Capt. George Peck's Company, Greenwich, Conn., and was seized by the British and taken to the Old Sugar House Prison in New York City. Histories of the time state that Mary Lockwood Knapp, wife of Enos, left alone in the house and staying there to guard their few possessions, especially their "comely roll of money" stored in the attic, was dragged from her bed by British soldiers who demanded information concerning money which they believed was hidden in the house. Mary refused to give any information and, though struck by an officer, was finally allowed to return to her house unmolested. This homestead was called the Brook House and stood where the Old Greenwich library was in 1930. Enos Knapp and his family are buried in the old cemetery, Old Greenwich, Conn. For more information concerning his family see this issue under "Answers to Queries."

**WHOSE ANCESTORS ARE THESE?**

(A few extracts from "Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Ohio"—Dailey)

P. 206

**John Knapp**—Pickaway Co., buried Huron, O. Discharged Pittsburg, Pa. 1783. #41735, P. 220—Va. Soldiers.

**Joshua Knapp**—Stark Co., O. Enlisted Dec. 1778/9 Northumberland Co., Pa. Robinson's Rangers, 2 years—Pensioned 1830.

**Samuel Knapp** (Bros.) b. Oct. 15, 1756, Tompkins Co., N. Y. Pension—S-8802.

**Edward Knapp**, Delaware Co., O. Enlisted Pvt., Boston, Mass. 1781. 2 yr. son of Daniel Knapp. Mar. Esther Skell, Nov. 25, 1790. Children: Hannah, b. 1792; Betsey, 1795; Edward, 1800; Sythene, 1802; Jerusha, Chas. and Tizzy. Died 1821. Applied Pens. Apr. 30, 1818. Ref. Mass. W-24979.

**Jeremiah Knapp**—Fulton Co., O. Buried Ottokee Cem., Dover Twshp. Ref.—The Military Rec., Fulton Co.—1885, P. 305.

In a History of Otego, N. Y. by Stuart B. Blakely, there is a note saying "the records of Old Otego are in the Town Clerk's Office at Oneonta, Otsego Co., N. Y. (This may be helpful to those having ancestors in this locality.—Editor.)"

The following items are taken from Blakely's History:

P. 96—**Ebenezer Knapp** lived where Edwin Hamilton lives.

P. 70—**Jonathan Knapp**, father of **Osborn L. Knapp**, located on the north side of the river before 1811, on the place formerly owned by William Hunt.

P. 100—The old Walden Farm is the one owned formerly by **Theodore Knapp**, now owned by **William Knapp**.

P. 107—**Daniel Knapp** Deacon in the First Church Otego. Other Church members, Mary Goodrich, etc. . . .

P. 102—**Daniel Knapp** was a Revolutionary soldier from Taunton, Mass., came about 1793.

The following are taken from MSS records in the NY G. & B. Soc. Library, "Knapp Cemetery of the Town of Dryden, N. Y.":

**George H. Knapp** son of Cyrus and **Helen Knapp**, d. Sept. 22, 1859.

**Newcomb Knapp** d. Dec. 20, 1860 ae 82 yrs. 1 mo. 27 days.

**Polly Knapp**, wife of Newcomb, d. Aug 5, 1864, ae 80 yrs. 4 mos.

**Mary Knapp**, dau. of Newcomb and Polly, d. May 4, 1849 ae 27 years. 3 mos. 7 days.

On the **Knapp Farm** near Freevill, Town of Dryden, there is the following inscription:

"In memory of Lydia, wife of Jarred Todd, who died Oct. 5, 1807 ae 37 years."

This is the only stone with an inscription in the corner of the lot. Said to have been the second woman to die in this town. (Evidently this **Lydia** was a **Knapp**.—Editor)

**ANSWERS TO QUERIES**

(See queries in previous Bulletins)

112. The following, sent in last September too late for Oct. Bulletin, was given by a descendant and an Association member, Mrs. Robert W. Green of Glenbrook, Conn. This





corrects the conflicting data on "**Enos Knapp** of Old Greenwich, Conn., b. 1744, d. 11-21-1824, m. 1774 Mary Lockwood (Polly), b. 4-20-1753, d. 7-21-1831.

Children were: Enos, jr., b. Aug. 24, 1776, m. Elizabeth Lockwood; Mary, d. 9-28-1805, m. Geo. Whitefield Peck; Rhoda, b. 11-25-1779, m. (1) Gershom Jessup, m. (2) Benj. Page.

Children all buried in Old Greenwich Cemetery.

For further data consult the Lockwood Gen., Ferris Gen. and Peck Gen. For service records—Conn. Men in the Revolution, P. 490; also NSDAR Lineage #16622 and others.

156. Answers received from members, Mrs. Grace Holbert and Mrs. E. C. Zabriskie, furnish the following answers:

"Jeffery Ferris came from England about 1635 and was a resident of Stamford, Conn., where he d. 1666."—See Ward Fam. Gen., P. 510.

"Jeffery Ferris, a Freeman in Boston, 1635, came to Stamford from Watertown, Mass. Will dated Jan. 6, 1664. (Probably Hannah was a grand-daughter of this Jeffery.)—Fairfield Co., Conn. Records, P. 694. For the marriage of Hannah Ferris to John Knapp, see Huntington's Hist. of Stamford, Conn., PP. 31-33, and Savage, Vol. 2, P. 155.

## QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query" and send to **Dr. A. A. Knapp**. Answers will be published in future issues of the Bulletin.

174. Who were the ancestors of **Nehemiah Knapp**, Dutchess Co., N. Y., said to have married Jane Wiltsie or (and) Mary Hill? Did he have two wives or was this a Mary Jane? Give correct date of **Nehemiah's** birth. Same date has been given for him and for the **Nehemiah**, son of **John** and **Hannah** (Jennings) **Knapp** of the **Roger Knapp** line.
175. Wanted ancestry of **John Knapp** who married Nancy Shaw, lived in Putnam Co., N. Y. He was in Put-

nam Co. before **Nehemiah** came to Dutchess Co., and so was, probably, not his son.

176. Wanted ancestry of **Holmes B. Knapp** who m. Uretta B. Wright. Two different lines have been given.
177. Ancestry of **Ebenezer Knapp**, b. 1772, d. 1821, m. 1802 Polly Hill. To Ontario Co., N. Y. in 1814. We believe he came from **Knapp** ancestors at Norfolk, Conn., by way of Vermont, as did **Zadock Knapp**, m. Elizabeth Turner. Perhaps **Ebenezer** had brothers Samuel and Ezra. Will Vermont members please search records and report?
178. Wanted names of the two wives of **John Knapp**, son of **Reuben Knapp** and **Esther Odom**? m. 1st about 1825.
179. Wanted correct data on **Abraham Knapp**, b. about 1821, son of **James L. Knapp** and **Mary June**. Conflicting dates of birth, marriage and death must be corrected. Also data of **Abraham's** brother, **Jacob Jay Knapp**.
180. Who were parents of **Charlotte Peck Knapp**, b. 3-28-1787; d. 12-22-1954; m. 6-25-1912 Peter Amerman? Dutch Church Recs., N. Y. give seven children—See N. Y. Hist. & Biog. Rec., Vol. 71, P. 82. A descendant believes she may have lived at Mystic, Conn.
181. Information about ancestry of **Charles Luman Knapp** of Lowville, N. Y., b. 7-4-1847, Harrisburgh, N. Y., d. Lowville, 1-3-1929, m. 6-26-1887 Sarah Dorrance, b. Florence, N. Y., dau. of (Hon.) Daniel G. Dorrance. **Charles Luman Knapp** grad. Rutgers College 1869; member of N. Y. State Senate 1881; American Consul Genl. at Montreal, Canada 1889-93; Representative in Congress 1901-1911. He was greatly interested in Water Power in Northern New York. It is thought he may have been connected in some way with **Joseph Fairchild Knapp**, b. 1832 N. Y. and **Martin Augustus Knapp**, a famous Judge and organizer of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Information also wanted about ancestry of **Martin Augustus Knapp**. Members in Northern New York please answer this.



General.

# The Knapp Family Association of America BULLETIN

*Descendants from* NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER AND AARON KNAPP

*"Hold high the Torch! That all the world may know  
The trust we guard shall never dim nor fade.  
Unfurl the Flag! To all the winds that blow.  
Onward! And unafraid!"*

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VOL. IX, No. 2 Editor, MRS. FLORA KNAPP DICKINSON, 489 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C. Oct. 1945

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## — A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS —

Though very saddened and very lonely because of his recent bereavement, our loved President, Dr. Knapp, is planning to go on with Association work in his efforts to complete the genealogical records for a "KNAPP GENEALOGY." Dr. Knapp and daughter, Mary, expect to go to Winter Park, Fla., for the winter, where he will devote his time entirely to this genealogical work. From the appeals in the last Bulletin, Dr. Knapp received about thirty replies and was greatly pleased. He still wants more help from our membership in the form of names of parents, grandparents, with all children and their marriages, dates and residences. These are so essential in checking and correcting lists already in. Data is especially desired on all bearing the KNAPP name. It is hoped that all who did not answer the appeal before will do so now. How deeply grateful we should be to our President for the time spent on this work!! Let us show that appreciation by helping him.

EDITOR.

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## MEETING IN 1946

With all travel and convention restrictions now removed by the Government, it is very probable, that an Association Meeting will be planned for 1946. Please send to Headquarters your suggestions as to time and place.

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## NOTES and COMMENTS

Requests for subject matter pertaining to the organization of our Family Association have been received from several, among them the names "Clapp" and "Bradford," as they are planning such an Association. It is gratifying to know that the KFA is considered a successful one, having for nine years continued to send a Family Bulletin semi-annually to all its members, many state libraries, as well as Genealogical and Historical Societies.

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When sending in her dues, one member wrote: "I am following with great interest the Bulletin and have recently sent more data to Dr. Knapp."

On July 8, Miss Helen A. Knapp of Tomkins Cove, N. Y., wrote to Dr. Knapp saying she was about to enter Suffern Hospital for an operation. She is a descendant of Jonas Knapp and Charlotte Knapp, from the Jared and Lebeus line in Rockland County. We hope some of her relatives in that County will send further information about her.

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The Enterprise and News of St. Johnsville, N. Y., publishes a page of very interesting genealogical data. It also makes attractive coats-of-arms in colors in two sizes 7x10 and 5x7. They will send a folder on request.





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Requests are coming to headquarters for the Knapp coat-of-arms and also the "Knapp" stationery. It may be possible to again furnish the stationery which was discontinued during the war.

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Lt. (j.g.) Charles Daniel Knapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas W. Knapp of Coffeyville, Kans., and Miss Elisabeth Bispham Weiss were married on May 1, 1945. Congratulations!!

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Now that many prisoners are daily being released from Japanese and from other lands formerly in their possession, as well as many formerly missing are being found, we hope soon to hear the good news that Major William Grover Benn is among the number. He is the son of our Vice-President, Mrs. Eugenie Grover Carothers.

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Headquarters enjoyed two calls from Mrs. L. R. Jones, when she was in New York on her way from Florida to her summer home in Vermont. These calls were greatly appreciated. It is always a pleasure to meet our members.

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Mrs. Whitney of Seneca Castle, N. Y. sent her complete genealogy, as requested in the last Bulletin, to Dr. Knapp. More answers were received from this request than ever before. Thanks to those who replied.

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Recently the Association has lost four very valuable members, whose places it is difficult to fill. Renewed efforts should now be made to secure new members from every state. During April one member—Arthur L. Knapp of Gross Pointe, Michigan, transferred to Life Membership.

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In May, Mrs. Dibble, mother of the Association treasurer, Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan, passed away after a short illness. Condolences were extended to Mrs. Jordan at the time.

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David E. Knapp of Beacon, N. Y., has done a great amount of research on the Nehemiah and Moses Knapp branches, sending the results of his search to Dr. Knapp. This data has helped in correcting several mistakes in earlier data. Such help is appreciated.





## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

*"A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast  
To the places they blest with their presence and love"*

Officers and members of the Association unite in extending to our President **Dr. A. A. Knapp** and his daughter, Mary, deepest sympathy in the death of **Mrs. Knapp** on August 22, after an illness of three days. Mrs. Knapp was a devoted wife and mother and had identified herself with all that was worthwhile in community life. A kindly interest in others, enthusiasm and zest for life, endeared her to her many friends. With her husband and daughter, Mrs. Knapp had attended each meeting of the Association, being present at the charter meeting also. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed from future meetings.

Sympathy is also extended to the families of three Life members recently passed away.

On April 1, **Lewis Ralph Jones**, professor emeritus of plant pathology of the U. of Wisconsin, died at Orlando, Fla. His widow, Anna M. Clark, survives. Burial was at Brandon, Wisc., his ancestral home. He had received Honorary Degrees from several colleges here and from Cambridge, Eng. One of his memorialists wrote: He was one of the most prominent founders of plant pathology America has ever produced. Mr. Jones was an enthusiast over **Knapp** genealogy.

**Edgar A. Knapp**, of Rumson, N. J., passed away July 31. During the Spanish American War, he served with Roosevelt's Rough Riders and later was interested in Republican Party activities. Surviving are his wife and three daughters, one of whom, Miss Elizabeth Knapp, is with the Red Cross in Germany. A son, Lt. Edgar A. Knapp, jr., was killed Feb. 1 in action with the 8th Air Force in England. (Apr. Bulletin).

On April 8th, the following was received from George W. Gage of Philadelphia: "It is with regret I inform you of the death of my father, **Horace White Gage, Sr.**, a Life Member of the Association. He passed away Feb. 21. As a son of **Horace White Gage, sr.**, it is my desire to continue the name of Gage in this Association and I would like to become a member."

(Rec'd too late for April Bulletin.)

## WHOSE ANCESTORS WERE THESE?

The following may help to place some unidentified "KNAPPS."

Cemetery Records, Dutchess Co., N. Y.  
Stanfordville, N. Y.

Copied by Spies (1903-1911)

- P.79 **Amos D. Knapp** d. Nov. 2, 1861, aged 74 yrs, 2 days. **Sarah**, his wife, d. 27 Mar. 1844, ae 57. **Phebe**, his wife, b. 22 Oct. 1809, d. 25 May 1884. **Emeline Eliza**, his wife, d. 7 Aug. 1846, aged 30. **Chas. Knapp** d. 7 May 1880, ae 35. **George H. Knapp** d. 9 June 1886, aged 64. **Catherine**, his wife, d. 13 Feb. 1847, ae 19 yrs, 6 mos.. **Elizabeth**, his wife, d. 14 May 1864, ae 32.
- Smith Knapp. Caroline A.**, his wife d. 14 Apr. 1858, ae 22, 6, 4.
- P.81 **Amos B. Knapp** d. 10 July 1885, ae 74, 10, 15 (grandson of Amos Knapp and Mary Brownell). **Eliza Smith**, his wife, d. 9 Jan. 1791, ae 71, 1, 20.

## Bangall Cemetery

(Rev. Sold—See N. Y. in Rev. P. 249)

- P.35 **Phineas Knapp** d. 13 April 1814, ae 77. **Mercy Rundall**, his wife, d. 5 April 1821, ae 77, 6, 5.
- Rachel (Close) Knapp** d. 14 Feb. 1802 in 90th year. (Page 34—B. Greenwich, Conn. 12 Feb. 1715). **Phineas Knapp** was son of David Knapp and Rachel Close. David Knapp was son of Benj. and Eliza beth Butler.
- Abraham Rundall** d. 14 Mar. 1799, ae 83. (Rev. Sold. P. 85 and 148), **Mercy Reynolds**, his wife, d. 13 Mar. 1809 in 88th yr. **Jared Rundel** d. 10 Mar. 1812 in 62nd yr. (Rev. Sold. P. 250), Wife, **Abigail**, d. 28 Sept. 1792 in 39th yr.

## QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query" and send to **Dr. A. A. Knapp**. Answers will be published in future issues of the Bulletin.

181. The ancestry of **Joseph Knapp**, b. Feb. 18, 1817, m. Katherine Aikens. He died Mar. 28, 1892, Canisteo, N. Y.
182. Who can give ancestry of the following, at one time living in Otsego



County: **Ebenezer Knapp**; **Jonathan Knapp**, father of **Osborn L. Knapp** (there before 1811); **Theodore Knapp** and **Willard Knapp**. Also the ancestry of **Lydia Knapp**, wife of **Jarred Todd**. Note: Dr. **Knapp** does not have these in his records.

183. The following have been found in MSS records, Spafford, Onondaga Co., N. Y., taken in 1896 by **Uriah Rounds**. Who can give more data concerning these?

**Peter Knapp** d. 7-13-1839 ae 84-4-18  
**Elijah Knapp** d. 1-27-1867 ae 84-1-18  
**Betsy Knapp**

(w) d. 12-20-1872 ae 79-1-?

**Aneoline Knapp**

(dau.) d. 4-15-1821 ae 9-8-17

**Ann Knapp** d. 10-26-1828 ae 51-9-13

184. Wanted Parents of **James Knapp** and wife, **Sarah . . .**, from California to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1864. **Sarah** died 1865, left **Mary Alzira Knapp** b. May 16, 1865. She m. **Joseph Wilson Hatch**.

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See queries in previous Bulletins)

Note: On P. 56 of Oct. 1943 Bulletin, there are five duplicate numbers in the Queries. Please add "A" after Nos. 141-145, on that page to avoid confusion in answers.—Editor.

181. The ancestry of **Charles Luman Knapp** is as follows: Son of **Chas. M. Knapp** and **Elzada Shull**; gd-son of **Sylvanus Knapp** and **Terza**; gt-gd-son of **Abraham Knapp** and **Elizabeth Wright**; gt-gt-gd-son of **Moses Knapp** and **Jemima Mead**, etc. (Ans. from Dr. A. A. Knapp.)

In reference to **Martin Augustus Knapp**, Mrs. Wm. F. Carter of Indianapolis, a former V. P. of the KFA., sent much data from which the following abstract is taken: He was born Nov. 6, 1843 Spafford, N. Y., grad. Wesleyan U., Conn. 1868. Admitted to N. Y. bar 1869. M. **Marian Hotchkiss**, Dec. 29, 1869, Middletown, Conn. Died aged 79, buried in Middletown, Conn. He was Ch. of Interstate Commerce Commission, in 1910 was Circuit Judge of U. S. Commerce Court and assigned Judge of Court of Appeals in 1913. Further information will

be found in "Who's Who in America—1899-1900" and in "Indiana Biography," Vol. 888, P. 190.

148. The following answer was found in Orange and Rockland Co., N. Y. Wills, by Cowen, Vol. 1, P. 25:

**Catherine Knapp** of Haverstraw. Will dated May 6, 1806, Pro. Mar. 3, 1805 (?). Codicil dated May 6, 1803. Mentions sons, **Reuben** and **Silkman**. Execs: **Jonah Odell** and **Gabriel Odell** of Hempstead. Wits: **James Drummond**, **John Secor**, **Henry Knapp**, daus., **Catherine** and **Abigail**. Wits: **Benj. Coe**, **William Conklin**, **John Secor** (prob. to the Codicil. This is, evidently, **Catherine Silkman**, who m. **Jonas Knapp**. He was son of **David** and **Karen** Close **Knapp**.)

93. Though these Wills do not answer this query they do give much information on these **Knapp** families in Haverstraw, N. Y. and help to solve some relationships. Found in Rockland Co., N. Y. Wills, Cowen, Vol. 3, PP. 6-7:

**Lebbeus Knapp** of Haverstraw—Oct. 4, 1834—Mar. 25, 1835. Mentions sons, **Abraham**, **James L.**, **James**, **John I. Gurnee**—**John I. DeNoyelles**. Daus. **Charlotte**, wife of **Jonas Knapp**. Wife, **Rachel** (she was **Rachel Storm**). Gd. children, **Catherine** and **Elizabeth Knapp**, daus. of my son, **William**, dec'd. Sons, **Lebeus** and **Robert**, **James L. Abell**, **Abraham**, **Lebeus**, **Robert** and my dau. **Charlotte**. Execs. Son **Robert** and son-in-law, **Jonas Knapp**. Wits: **Richard Philips**, **James Philips**, **Geo. S. Allison**.

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**William Knapp** of Haverstraw—Aug. 8, 1820—Sept. 19, 1820. Wife, **Mary**. Daus. **Catherine** and **Elizabeth** (mentioned above). **Isaac Brnes**, guardian of my two infant children. Exec. wife, **Mary**. Wits: **Samuel Goetschius**, **Robert Knapp**, **Rebekah Gross**.

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**John Knapp**, Esq. of Hempstead—Dec. 3, 1816—Jan. 27, 1817. Friends—**Elizabeth Odel** and **Hannah Odel**. Sister, **Sarah Odel**. Bros., **Amos Knapp**. Execs: **Friends**, **Benj. Odel** and **Abram Gurnee**. Wits: **William Osborn**, **Garret A. Onderdonk**, **Waters Burrows**.





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VOL. X, No. 1 Editor, MRS. FLORA KNAPP DICKINSON, 489 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C. April 1946

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## — A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS —

**A. A. Knapp, President**

It has been ten years since the Knapp Family Association was organized. For three years, because of World War II, no meetings have been held. Now that the war is over the whole world is in the confusion of the reconstruction period. I trust this will soon be followed by our normal mode of life.

Plans are now in the making for a meeting in New York City about September 14, which date, we trust, will be a satisfactory one for all members. Won't you each plan to attend? A large attendance is desired. It will be our **Tenth Anniversary Celebration**. The most important business of the fall meeting will be election of all officers as the present ones have carried on, because of the war emergency, beyond the time for which they were elected. Having taken over the genealogical work of compiling and editing the "Knapp Genealogy," since the death of Ezra Fred Knapp, I must withdraw from the presidency to devote all of my time to this other work. Mrs. Dickinson who has served the Association for ten years as secretary and most of that time as editor of this Bulletin is very busy with her professional work as genealogist and lecturer. She cannot assume these duties any longer. Mrs. Jordan, treasurer, for the past five years desires to relinquish her duties, owing to illness in the family and pressure of other work. We realize there are many capable members in the Association, some of whom should be willing to do their part to carry on the systemized activities. Please send to me names of those you wish to propose for any of these offices, such names will be forwarded to the chairman of the Nominating Committee soon to be named by me. All correspondence should be mailed to me at 1800 Columbia Terrace, Peoria 5, Ill.

May I again urge you to renew your interest and activities in contributions of family genealogies and to redouble your efforts in securing new members for the Association?



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## NOTES and COMMENTS

The Association hears that it may soon have on its membership list Dr. J. V. Knapp of Tallahassee, Fla., and Henry McDonald, of Harper's Ferry, Md. Dr. Knapp is head of the Florida Live Stock Sanitary Board. Mr. McDonald's descent is from the Aaron line, including Mayflower eligibility. He will contribute this line which may be of great help to others in the Association.

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David Knapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Knapp of Beacon, N. Y., having recently terminated his service in the army, is now carrying on business in Beacon for his father. Apparently, David, Sr. will now have more time for family research in which he and his wife are greatly interested. They have accomplished much in clearing the different "Moses" lines.

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Received too late for the October 1945 Bulletin was the news of the marriage, on March 3, 1945, of Mrs. J. C. H. Jennings (an association member) of Candor, N. Y. to John H. Murray.

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Dr. Knapp says "complete ancestral records are still needed to verify our data, now almost ready to print. Especially do we need the last three generations to bring records down to the present time. There are still many discrepancies in the data that I cannot solve but which would be easily corrected from family and Bible records. We need every member's help now."

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The Stewart Society of America, George Edson, Secretary, Olathe, Kans., was incorporated December 18, 1945. Annual membership is \$2 and Life membership, \$100. Some members of the Knapp Association are also Stewart descendants.



Miss Helen A. Knapp, seventy-three years young, of Tompkins Cove, N. Y. is recovering from a recent serious operation. She is a descendant of Jonas and Charlotte Knapp of Rockland County. The editor suggests that a post-card shower would brighten her days.

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All correspondence to Dr. Knapp should be mailed to him at "1800 Columbia Terrace, Peoria 5, Ill." Dr. Knapp and his daughter, Mary, plan to leave Florida about May 1 for Peoria, and during the summer will drive to Duluth, returning through Michigan to visit different places and do research. About September 1 they plan to come East for the Mayflower Society meeting at Plymouth early in September and for the Knapp Family Association meeting, probably, about September 14.

### IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

*"A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast  
To the places they blest with their presence and love."*

Extending sympathy to all members of their families, the Association announces, with deep regret, the death of the following members:

August 5, 1945, **Ila G. Grover**, Bridgeport, Conn., sister of Mrs. Ansermet and Miss Lola M. Grover.

January 4, 1946, **Miss Margaret L. Knapp**, Hartford, Conn., sister of Mary Clissold Knapp. These sisters christened the Destroyer "U. S. S. Knapp" (Bulletin p. 55.)

January 11, 1946, **Rev. Shepherd Knapp**, Worcester, Mass., brother of Mrs. Vondermuhl. Dr. Knapp was one of Worcester's "most gracious, gentle and beloved citizens. For nearly thirty years he served the City as pastor of the Central Congregational Church."

### QUERIES

Please number answers to correspond with number of "Query", and send to **Dr. A. A. Knapp**, President, so that answers may be published in future issues.

*Symbols: b.—born; m.—married; d.—died*

185. What is the ancestry of **Junia Knapp**, b. 1793, d. 1865, of Charleston, Ohio. m. Martha Edwards. Six children.
186. **Isaac Knapp**, son of **Jacob and Mary (Smith) Knapp**, and **Isaac Knapp**, son of **Isaac and Mary (Gould) Knapp**, are both given the same wife, children and military service. Who can correct this?
187. Wanted ancestry of **Alexander Payson Knapp** and wife, **Mary McDonald**—lived at Baltimore and Rhode Island a few years ago.
188. Wanted ancestry of **Isaac Knapp**, b. 1767, d. 1840, Elizabethtown, N. Y. m. **Margaret Eldridge**.
189. Wanted ancestry of **John W. Knapp**, Jackson Co., Mich., b. 1826, N. Y. m. **Marloetta McKee** in 1848, Watervliet, Mich.
190. Wanted ancestry of **Jonathan Knapp**, Delaware Co., N. Y., b. 1804. m. **Violetta** ———.
191. Wanted ancestry of **Jonathan Knapp**, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., b. 1802. m. **Roxa** ———.
192. Wanted ancestry of **Jonathan Knapp**, b. 6-11-1821, Ohio, m. 7-3-1856 **Mary Jane Olmstead**, lived at Victoria, Ill.
193. Wanted ancestry of **Jonathan Knapp**, b. 8-26-1833, Bath, N. Y., d. 1885. m. **Agnes Cole**.
194. Wanted dates, place of residence, and wife of **Thomas Knapp**, who had son, **Josiah Knapp**. m. **Susanah** ——— (?) Their son, **Martin Elmer Knapp** m. **Lucinda Niles**.
195. Wanted ancestry of **Benjamin Fairchild Knapp**, b. 1803, descendants in Michigan, and **Joseph Fairchild Knapp**, b. 1832, N. Y. City.





## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

(See questions in previous Bulletins)

33. **Luke Knapp** (1742-1895) m. 7-19-1764, Canaan, Conn., Anna Ketcham, the son of **John Knapp** (1700-1758) and ——— Taylor, both of Danbury, son of Samuel, of Caleb, of Nicholas.
135. In re another **Hiram Knapp**. Col. **Lyman E. Knapp**, b. 1837, Vt., was son of **Hiram Knapp**, b. 1803, Dover, Vt., d. 1859, Stratton, Vt., m. **Elvira Stearns** (1804-1880) of Marlboro, Vt. **Hiram Knapp** was son of **Cyrus Knapp**, b. Taunton, Mass., Dec. 8, 1769 and **Thankful Stearns**, b. Feb. 4, 1770, Chesterfield, N.H. They had eight children.
145. Parents of **Anna Knapp** who m. **William Thorn** (descendants in N. Y.) were **Israel Knapp** and **Elizabeth Hugford**. (Ref. p. 554—Gazeteer of Vermont—Hemenway.)

### NOTE

Correction—"Arthur Knapp" on p. 69, October 1945 Bulletin should be "Archer Lee Knapp."

Query 181, p. 70, October 1945 Bulletin, is a duplicate number and should be numbered "181 A".

## MEMBERSHIP

(Since October 1945)

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Mrs. G. A. Ansermet, Southport, Conn.

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Charles D. Knapp, Lawrence, Kans.

Mrs. Mary Knapp Leibert, Coffeyville, Kans.

## WHOSE ANCESTORS ARE THESE?

(If you have more information concerning any of them send it to Dr. Knapp.)

In "Cutter's Genealogical and Family History of Central New York, the following names are indexed under "KNAPP." (These are ancestors of many who pioneered the West.—Editor): Burdette R., Caleb, Charles, Edward H., Harry W., John (2), Joseph W., Levi, Nicholas, Owen A., Peter, Samuel, Samuel (Ensign), Vernon L., William (3), Dr. William.

**William Knapp**, ae 26, b. Seekonk, of Attleboro, of **Freeman Knapp** and **Lydia**, and **Martha C. Whitaker**, ae 37, of Abner Whitaker and Nancy, married June 12, 1753.

**Mary A. Knapp**, ae 18, Seekonk, of **Freeman Knapp** and **Lydia C.**, and **William P. Holley**, ae 19, b. Woonsocket, married Sept. 12, 1758.

(Ref.: p. 82, Vol. 9, Rhode Island Vital Records.)

**Priscilla Knapp**, b. 10 (9) 1642, daughter of **William Knapp** and **Mary** ———

(Ref.: p. 282, Vol. 7, Early Records of Boston.)

In the Dictionary of the Scofield Family of North America by Robert L. Scofield, Elgin, Ill., there are eighteen references to "KNAPPS." (A copy of these has been contributed by Mrs. Sterling B. Jordan and sent to Dr. Knapp for the purpose of checking with Knapp records.)

## MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

(Notices will be sent out during the summer.)



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## —PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—

DAVID E. KNAPP

Greetings to the Knapp Family — Kith and Kindred. I think that I may speak for all of us who were newly elected to office at our September meeting. We feel that we have been left some large boots to fill (figuratively speaking of course).

Let us hope they are seven league boots that will carry us far into our Knapp research so that we may hasten the day when our annals are published.

Back tracking the footsteps of our forefathers is a delightful hobby. Proving what we find as history has to be a serious business. Proof has to be given for every fact so it may be checked and rechecked.

The K. F. A. is particularly fortunate to have had as secretary Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, an accredited genealogist. She has given lavishly of her time and talent which is her professional livelihood. We appreciate her offer to continue to aid us in any way she can, even though her work made it impossible for her to continue her office in K. F. A.

I feel that my greatest job is to urge each and every member to dig a little deeper for family records so we may aid Dr. Knapp who is carrying on the vast work started by Ezra Fred Knapp before his untimely decease. Dr. Knapp has retired from an active medical practice and intends to devote most of his time to his favorite avocation—establishing the various branches of the Knapp family tree and publishing the results. He has achieved widespread results in the past few years.

He is still sorting, weeding out errors, trying to classify who's who into what's what. It is just like a tremendous jigsaw puzzle, in which some of the pieces have become battered and worn, replaced by guess work or lost entirely. Maybe you, or one of your cousins, or friends, or chance acquaintances may come across a tiny fragment that will be the interlocking segment to prove some entire unit, now incomplete.

Ask every Knapp you meet to let you copy Bible records (and tell us who has possession of Bible now). Most of you know we have so many records in South Eastern New





York State that definitely claim the same Moses Knapp and yet there is a sad discrepancy in dates. If you can find any Moses in any Bible (excepting of course the one in the bulrushes) please write us immediately. He might very truly be our missing link.

Won't you each try to get one new member for our organization. Be an active Knapp — WRITE NOW.

Pardon me for paraphrasing a contemporary of our early family founders when I quote:

Lives of all Great Men remind us  
We can make our lives sublime  
And departing leave behind us  
Knapp tracks on the sands of time.

Only ours will be recorded — we hope.

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## WANTED

Children of Nehemiah (son of Caleb and Sarah Rundell Knapp) B.10-15-1714; M. Abigail Ferris, enrolled 10-13-1756 in French and Indian War. (If you have this information please send it to Dr. Knapp.)

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## PURPOSE OF THE BULLETIN

In thinking over the purpose of this Bulletin and trying to decide how it can be of most use to us all, your editor believes that there are two chief reasons for its being: first, to enable us to keep in touch with each other; and second, to enable us to secure the information for which we are all searching.

In order to accomplish the first item your news comments and queries will be most welcome.

As regards the second item I have corresponded with Dr. Knapp and he has stressed two needs which he has in order to complete the work he is doing. In checking through on the queries which have appeared in the earlier numbers of the Bulletin, and which will appear in future editions, he tells me that very few have ever replied. Would you be willing to check through on these and see if you have any of this information? In order to help you I shall repeat some of these queries from time to time for the benefit especially of those of you who may not have back numbers of the Bulletin. This seems an important service which we can all render.

And then there is another and equally valuable service which every single one of us can render and that is to see that Dr. Knapp's records are absolutely UP TO DATE. Possibly you gave him your family data at the time you joined and have never sent anything additional. How about sending in a record of all births, deaths, and marriages in the present generations? These cannot be found in the historical records you know and if the record of our family is to be really up to

date it should contain this material as well.

Finally may I say that your editor would appreciate so much hearing from you with any suggestions you may have as to plans for the spring edition of the Bulletin.

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## QUERIES—Repeated

Following are some of the earlier queries to which replies have not been received. If you can help with them will you send the information to our Genealogist, Dr. A. A. Knapp, 139 East Fairbanks Avenue, Winter Park, Florida.

### WANTED:

Positive proof of the following:

### Ancestry of

1. Samuel Knapp, of Ontario Co., N. Y., who married Lavinia ? Had sons Ezra, David, Henry, and daughter Levinia, etc. . . .
2. Nehemiah (Mier) B. 10/29/1741. M. Mary Hill, Res. Shenadoah, N. Y.
3. Ebenezer, Born 9/14/1772. M. Polly Hill, Res. Greenbush and Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y. Ebenezer had brother Samuel.
4. Nathaniel, B. ca. 1750. Res. Dutchess Co., N. Y. 6 sons, 2 daughters.
5. Lebbeus, Born ca. 1747, M. Rachel Storm. Res. Haverstraw, N. Y. Had brothers Silas, Jared, and Jonas.
6. Isaac. Died 1840. M. Margaret Eldridge. Res. Elizabethtown, N. Y.
7. John Born 12/28/1840. M. Sarah Green. Res. Orange Co., N. Y., and Benton, Yates Co., N. Y.
9. Ephraim. Died 10/10/1841. Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.





## SUMMARY OF MINUTES

### Tenth Anniversary Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14, 1946

Hotel McAlpin, New York, N. Y.

Presiding—President, Dr. A. A. Knapp.

Invocation—Rev. Laney of Salt Lake City.

Reading and acceptance of minutes of Business and Program meeting of 1941.

As Mrs. Dickinson had declined re-election she presented a full report of her work as both Secretary and Editor together with recommendations for the continuation of this work. Dr. Knapp expressed the regret of the Association that Mrs. Dickinson felt she could not continue and a rising vote of thanks was extended to her for her work through the years.

Greetings in the form of telegrams and letters from absent members were read.

Mrs. Jordan, the Treasurer, who had also declined re-election, submitted her report showing a balance of \$115.15 and the Secretary presented the auditor's report. These reports were accepted and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Jordan for her fine cooperation and painstaking work.

Dr. Knapp gave his report and a most interesting statement of the work which he has continued as genealogist since Ezra Fred's death.

In his report Dr. Knapp stated that in the Nicholas Knapp line eight generations have already been covered in his typed notes, with over 60,000 names.

Mrs. Holbert of Waldwick, New York, gave a report of her work as Chairman of the Uzual Knapp Marking Committee. Arrangements had been made for the purchase of a marker in 1942 but because of war shortages this was not possible. The suggestion was now made to have the N. Y. State Educational Department fur-

nish a metal road marker designating the site. Dr. Knapp asked Mrs. Holbert to continue with the Chairmanship and see if the State would erect such a Marker.

Statements of interest were made by Mrs. Carter on the Aaron Knapp line, which she has almost completed; by Mrs. Dickinson regarding the gift of the Moses Knapp branch and descendants in Canada from Louis Richard of Montreal; by Dr. Knapp that the William Knapp line had been compiled and indexed by Justin Willis Knapp of Idaho, and that the Roger Knapp line had been completed several years ago. Mrs. David E. Knapp stated that the book compiled by the late Rev. Sheperd Knapp has been published.

Miss Mabel Knapp, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate and the officers as listed on page 78 were unanimously elected.

Mrs. Dickinson conducted a short memorial service for the twenty-one members who had died since the 1941 meeting.

After a brief recess Mrs. Dickinson took charge of the meeting and conducted an introduction period when each member present introduced him- or herself and told of their place in the Knapp Family line.

Mrs. Jordan gave some interesting "High Lights" from the correspondence in her office and of her work.

Rev. Mr. Laney gave a short talk on "The Importance of Genealogical Research" and Dr. Knapp told more about the "Knapp Genealogy". This was followed by discussion concerning the future plans for its publication and the majority opinion was for publishing it as soon as possible since it was felt that as a result of this corrections would come in and enable us to produce a more perfect edition later.

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## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Since none of your other officers seem to have any special message for the Bulletin this time, may I bring you a very brief one. From our Genealogist, Dr. A. A. Knapp, I have word from time to time of the work he has been accomplishing this winter. And may I here ask you to be sure and get all of the newest and latest information you may have to him as soon as you can. He is anxious to have all the records as up to date as possible and it is up to each of us to make that possible.

Secondly, are there relatives in your family who might also be interested in helping us with our work—both by giving us information and by joining? It takes money to do the work we want to do and it also takes workers to bring in the information.

This number is being devoted almost exclusively to something we started in the last number—the repeating of the queries which have not yet been answered. Could you go through your records and see if you can help with any of these questions? And if you can please send the data to Dr. Knapp.

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## NOTES

Our genealogist, Dr. Knapp, is back in Peoria for the summer after a busy and pleasant winter in the South.

From Dr. Henry B. Betts of Danbury, Connecticut, comes the word of the passing of his wife, Mrs. Jessie Clark Beers Betts, on March 27. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

Mrs. Gregory, our Treasurer, is attending the D.A.R. Centennial in Washington and we shall hope that she may be able to pick up some helpful information for us; and possibly some new members.





## QUERIES—Repeated

Following are additional queries to which replies have not been received. If you can help with them will you send your replies to our Genealogist at his summer address: 1800 Columbia Terrace, Peroria 5, Illinois:

10. Henry, Born 1772, 1848, Somers, New York. M. Hannah—? Children: Reuben; Benjamin, M. Sarah Barrett; Rachel, M. Samuel Barber; Lydia, M. Smith Birdsell; William, M. Betsey Randle; Walter; Milan S.; Elias.
11. Benjamin, Born 1758. Died 1835. Buried Shrub Oak, N. Y. 10 children. M. Elizabeth—?
14. Elizabeth or Betty who married Samuel Clemons (Clement). Lived Northbridge, Mass., moved to Croydon, N. H.
15. Charles Knapp of Pochuck (Warwick) Orange County, N. Y. M. Hannah—? Will made Feb. 11, 1793. 7 children.
17. Lucy Knapp (1789-1854) of Orange County, N. Y., who m. Jonathan Cory, Jr.?
18. Caleb Knapp, who died in Greenbrier Co., W. Va., 1829, m. Betsy? (It is thought he came from Mass. or Maine).
19. Mary Knapp, b. Pownal, Vt., 1825. M. Michael Jackett at Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y., 1844?
20. Elizabeth Knapp, widow of John Hoskins? He died in 1715.
21. William Knapp who m. Anna Carter? Their daughter, Mary Ann Knapp, b. Bennington, Vt. 1829, m.—? Jackson, and lived in Pownal, Vt.
23. William Knapp who lived in Goshen, N. Y., and settled in Pittstown, Pa.? Died 1815. His heirs were John Halstead, Jonathan Knapp, John Sely, Amans Sely, Asa Sely, Isaac Smith, Moses Smith, Rachel Halsted, William Knapp, and Nathan Davis.
25. Joseph Knapp who m. Susannah Packard? Lived at Bridgewater, Mass., and Leeds, Maine. He was a Revolutionary Soldier.
26. Amos Knapp, b. Troy, N. Y.? M. Elizabeth Whiting. He d. Armenia Mt., Pa.
29. Amy Knapp, b. April 25, 1743, m. Capt. Timothy Reynolds.
30. Nathaniel Knapp, whose son, Theodorus Knapp m. Martha Washburn.
31. Fanny Knapp, who m. Samuel B. Smith. Descendants lived in Tioga County, New York.
32. Jonathan Knapp, m. Elizabeth. Had daughter Hannah who m. James Parshall.
34. Paul Knapp who m. Patty (Martha) Liscomb. His son, Paul, born about 1762.
36. John Knapp, b. 1772, m. Elenor McVaugh. Descendants lived in Wisconsin.
37. Lemuel Knapp. b. about 1770, m. Hannah Munjou. From Northampton, Mass. Settled Charlestown, Ohio, in 1815. Had 19 children.
38. Moses Knapp who m. Laura Elliott. Went to Ohio in 1808. He was b. in 1783 in W. Stockbridge, Mass.
39. Erastus Knapp m. Jane . . . ., to Ohio from Penfield, N. Y.
40. David Knapp, b. 1767 in Mass. m. Sophia . . . ., to Cherry Valley, Ash-tabula County, Ohio.
41. Elisha Knapp m. Christina (or Elida) to Huron Co., Ohio. Was he from Monroe Co., N. Y.?
43. Date of m. of Samuel Knapp and Sarah Austin. Also her parentage. Their son, Jonathan Knapp m. Abiah Thrasher, daughter of Christopher and Katherine . . . . Also Katherine's parentage.



## QUERIES — Repeated

44. Names of first and second wives of Bushnel Benedict, b. 1734, Danbury, Conn.
45. Name of wife (her parentage) of Ebenezer Knapp who leased land in Rensselaer Co., N. Y., April 15, 1791.
46. Names and addresses of all known descendants of Benedict Knapp, b. 1783, m. Catharine van de Bogart, b. 1788.
47. Ancestry of Caleb Knapp, b. 5-4-1765; d. 5-27-1855; m. 12-11-1784, Norfolk, Conn., to Rebecca Hoyt Raynsford (b. 1768, d. 1839); d. Marion, N. Y.
48. Wanted: any Knapp lines having Mayflower ancestry.
49. Ancestry of Henry Cornelius Knapp, b. 3-7-1798; m. Betsy Fenn; d. Washington, Conn., 4-10-1891. (Cemetery record).
50. Ancestry of Darius Knapp, b. 4-20-1791, probably in Columbia Co., N. Y. m. 1815 Huldah Hoag; children, Leonard, Anna, Joel, Amos, Solomon, Ira and Rensseler. Amos b. New Lebanon, N. Y., 1828.
51. Data concerning the David Knapp who is buried in Rayville, Columbia Co., N. Y., Quaker Cemetery.
55. Who were the parents and grandparents of Abigail Knapp, who m. John Crissey in 1692?
56. Was Ebenezer Knapp (son of Moses, son of Caleb, son of Nicholas) who m. Elizabeth Smith, the father of Martha Knapp who m. Joseph Lull?
57. Whose daughter was Catherine Knapp, who m. Abraham Sneden, Jr.? He was son of Abraham Sneden, who, in N. Y. City, Nov. 4, 1759, m. Machel Swartout. It is probable that Sneden's Landing, Rockland Co., N. Y., was named for the family.
58. Whose daughter was Catherine Knapp, of Warwick, N. Y., who m. in Goshen, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1833, Reuben Miller, of Goshen?
61. Wanted: Parents of Sumner Knapp and sister, Lucretia. Some descendants are now in Vermont.
64. Ancestry of Abigail Knapp who married in Florida, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1756, Christian Snitaker.
65. Who was the wife of Timothy Knapp, son of Nicholas, and who was the wife of his son, Timothy?
66. Did Timothy, Sr., son of Nicholas, have more than one child, Timothy, Jr.?
67. Did Reuben Knapp, son of Caleb and Hannah (Clements) Knapp have a family? If so, whom?
68. Please give the children of David and Rachel Close Knapp.
69. Tell what you can of the confusion on the various Moses Knapps of the first three or four generations, and give the correct ancestry, dates, wives, and families of the various individuals. Is there a generation missing among the various Moses?
70. Who can give information of the names or parentage of the Miss Taylor who m. John Knapp, son of Samuel and Hannah (Bushnell) Knapp?
71. Who can name the parents of Benjamin Knapp, buried Shrub Oak Presbyterian Cemetery, N. Y.? He died 8-3-1835, m. Elizabeth . . . , who died 4-16-1814, age 52.
72. Who were ancestors of David D. Knapp who lived in Falconer, N. Y., in 1914, and of Ira Knapp of Makating, N. Y., d. 1891, age 76.
73. In Preston, Pa., Ira Knapp, died 9-29-1864, wife of Filena Lee. Wanted ancestors of Ira.





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Next comes the matter of publication. There was some discussion of the matter at the meeting a year ago. May I ask particularly for your thoughts and suggestions on the matter at this time. How many of you are interested in having copies of the material when and if it is published? And also have you any special suggestions as to the form it should follow? Printed, offset, etc.? If we had some idea of the demand for such a volume we could then secure estimates and plan accordingly.

May I have your suggestions as soon as possible so that we can go on to the next step?

RHODA B. LAWRENCE, Secretary.





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196. **Sylvanus Knapp**, son of Jonah-Moses, Nicholas and Sylvanus Knapp, son of Jonah and Ann Parks-Jonah-Moses-Nicholas are confused. Both are given the same dates of birth, death and marriage and the same wife, children, etc.  
  
**Query:** Was Sylvanus a son or brother of the Jonas who m. Ann Parks? There is another Sylvanus, son of Jacob and Mary Edwards-Caleb and Hannah Smith-Nicholas and Elinor. . . . All with the same dates and families. If these Sylvanus families and ancestry could be definitely established it would be of great help.
197. **Deborah Knapp**, d. of Francis and Deborah (Taylor)-Samuel and Hannah (Bushnell) and **Deborah Knapp** d. of John and Hannah (Ferris)-Caleb and Hannah (Smith) are both said to have m. the same David Bouton, son of Capt. Samuel Bouton. Which is correct? or both?
198. **Edward and Mortimer Knapp**, brothers, are said both to have m. Betsey Bowen. Is this correct? The brothers were sons of Timothy and Martha ( . . . )-Sylvester and Phoebe (Clerk).
199. **Albert L. Knapp**, b. 6-15-1857, m. 11-12-1879 Mary E. Brewster. Albert was son of Leonard H. and Mahala (Lusk)-Leonard and Mercy (Brown) and **Albert Lusk Knapp**, b. 6-15-1854, m. 11-12-1879, Mary Eugena Brewster. Albert was son of Leonard D. and Phylance (Cutler) Knapp-Wright and Sarah (Wey). Dates differ. Which is correct?
200. **James C. Knapp**, b. 1839. d. 4-29-1890. Son of James Duncan and Diantha (Rundell) Knapp-Calvin and Deborah (Hopkins) Knapp, and **James Knapp**, b. 1838. d. 5-1-1890. Son of Lyman and Harriet ( . . . ) Knapp-Reuben and Dorcas ( . . . ) Knapp. Both these James' are said to have m. 8-19-1860 Anna Case, m. 2nd. 10-9-1862, Sarah P. Teed. Which is correct?
201. **William Henry Knapp**, son of Caleb M. and Jane (Purdy)-Joseph and Catherine (Strang) and **William Henry Knapp**, son of Henry C. and . . . ( . . . )-Cornelius and Martha ( . . . ) Both these men b. 1862, d. 6-2-1919 and m. May Ida Case. What is answer?
202. **James W. Knapp**, son of Benjamin W. and Sally ( . . . )-Israel and Temperance (Tompkins) and **James W. Knapp**, son of Benjamin and Sally (Sutton)-Jeremiah and . . . ( . . . ). Both men are said to have been b. 10-14-1833. Both went to the Civil War from Marion Co., Ohio, m. 1st 1-26-1860 Mercy A. Shute and 2nd Margaret A. Davis 11-16-1880. Which is correct?
203. **Delilah Knapp**, daughter of Seymour and Sally (Stone)-Oliver and Sarah Jan (Pickett) and **Delilah Knapp**, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Addington)-Titus and Althea (Marshall). Which Delilah m. Nathaniel Dickinson?
204. Did **Uriah Knapp**, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Smith) m. Hannah Mead or Fitch or both?
205. **Charles Knapp**—ancestry uncertain. Was he son of John . . . (Taylor) or Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Finch) or Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Smith) or Nathaniel and Rebecca (Smith)? He m. Hannah and lived at Pochuck, Orange Co., N. Y. A Revolutionary soldier in Warwick Regt. Will probated there 3-9-1793. Ancestry wanted.
206. **Hannah and Orrenda or Lorinda Knapp**, d. of David and Abiah (Hall), sisters, m. David Fonda or David Ashley or both. Which? or either?
207. **12. John B. or Hoyt Knapp**, s. of Jonathan and Elizabeth ( . . . ) and **John B. Knapp**, son of John and Abigail (Tustin) both b. 12-26-1764, d. 12-28-1840, m. 7-2-1796 Sarah Green. Which is correct?
208. **Susannah Hawley** is credited as having m. four supposedly different Josiah's:
  1. **Josiah Knapp** b. 1762, d. 1842, son of David and Rachel (Close);
  2. **Josiah Knapp** b. 1762, d. 10-18-1842, son of Jabez and Mary ( . . . );
  3. **Josiah Knapp** b. 1762, d. 10-18-1842, son of Peter and Martha (Beares);



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4. **Josiah Knapp** b. 1762, d. 10-18-1842, son of Thomas and Lois Newcomb (Beares). Which is the correct ancestry of the real Josiah?
209. **Sarah Knapp**, b. 11-?-1743, d. 7-22-1822, daughter of John and Abigail (Close). **Sarah Knapp**, b. 11-?-1743, d. 7-22-1822, daughter of Joshua and Eunice (.....). Both said to have married Col. David Hobby. Which?
210. Susan Jessup is said to have m. both **Henry Lockwood Knapp**, s. of Isaac and Abigail (.....) and **Henry Lockwood Knapp**, son of Isaac and Thirsa (Lockwood). Which is correct?
211. Robert G. Jones is said to have m. both **Henrietta Knapp**, daughter of Edwin and Rosalind-Catherine (Lynn) and **Henrietta Knapp**, daughter of William Sherman and Louisa (Selleck). Which is correct?
212. Richard Lawrence is said to have m. both **Sarah Ann Knapp** b. 2-24-1818, daughter of Smith and Nancy (Mead) and **Sarah Knapp** b. 11-3-1810, d. 12-2-1836, daughter of Joshua and Charity (Mead). Which is correct?
213. Major Henry Leavenworth, U.S.A., is said to have m. both **Electa Knapp**, b. 5-5-1793, Delhi, N. Y., d. 6-12-1811, m. 1810 as his second wife, daughter of Cyrus, son of Luke and Anna (Ketchum) and **Electa Knapp**, bapt. 9-18-1799, daughter of Silas and Amelia (Reed). Which is correct?
214. Abigail Lockwood is said to have m. both **Isaac Knapp**, b. 1775, d. 1847, son of Isaac and Mary (Gould) and **Isaac Knapp**, b. 1766, d. after 1833, son of Enos and Mary (Lockwood). Which is correct.
215. Mary Lockwood is said to have m. four different Enos Knapps:
  1. **Enos Knapp**, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Finch);
  2. **Enos Knapp**, son of Joseph and ..... (.....);
  3. **Enos Knapp**, son of Samuel and ..... (.....);
  4. **Enos Knapp**, son of John and Ruth (.....). Which is correct?
216. There is much confusion about the ancestry, marriage and children of the different **Enos** and **Titus Knapps**. Any reliable records will be much appreciated.
217. **Isaac Lounsbury** is said to have m. both **Nancy Knapp**, b. 6-133-1785, daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Schofield) and **Nancy Hoyt Knapp**, b. 4-30-1789, d. 8-27-1878, daughter of Uzal and Abigail (Hoyt). Which is correct?
218. Was **Lucyette Knapp**, b. 1812, m. 1850, John Maine, a daughter of Wesley and ..... (.....) or of Silkmán and Hannah (.....)? Was Wesley Knapp her brother?
219. Harriet Marshall is badly mixed up among the descendants of **Sylvanus Knapp**. Which William did she marry?
220. Rachel Mead is supposed to have m. three different **Titus Knapps**. Which?
221. Did Susan Mills m. **Abiah Knapp**, b. 2-1-1804, son of Jacob and Lucinda (Mayhew) or **Abia Knapp**, b. 8-19-1796, d. 4-20-1862; or did the latter m. Hannah .....?
222. Did **Eli Knapp**, son of Gabriel and Mary (.....) m. Cynthia Osborn or did she marry **Eli Knapp**, son of Moses and Rebecca (Judd)?
223. Did Josiah Purdy m. **Eunice Knapp**, b. 1-22-1743, m. 1760, daughter of David and Rachel (Close) or **Eunice Knapp**, b. 2-12-1755, d. 8-23-1832, daughter of Joshua and Eunice (Peck)?
224. William Quintard m. a **Sarah Knapp**, daughter of a **Titus Knapp**. Which one?
225. James Reynolds m. either **Abigail Knapp**, b. 10-10-1765, d. 11-3-1831, m. 10-18-1786, daughter of Jonathan and Susannah (Mills) or **Abby L. Knapp** b. 10-10-1765, d. 11-3-1831, m. 10-18-1786, daughter of David A. and Elizabeth (.....). Which is correct?
226. Nelson Reynolds m. either **Clarissa K. Knapp**, b. 1018-1821, d. 9-7-1909, m. 10-28-1842, daughter of Aaron and Mary (Schofield) or **Clarissa Knapp** with same dates, daughter of Zephaniah and Amy (.....)? Which is correct?
227. David O. Rood m. either **Jane Knapp**, b. 12-7-1826, d. ?, m. 1845, daughter of Harry and Maturah (.....) or a **Jane Knapp**, with same dates, daughter of Ebenezer and Maturah (Campbell). Who was Jane's mother?





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228. Amos Smith is said to have m. **Deborah Knapp**, b. 10-22-17313, Greenwich, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth ( . . . . ) or **Deborah Knapp**, daughter of Benjamin and Susannah ( . . . . ) or **Deborah Knapp**, b. 9-2-1739 Stamford. Marriage date in all cases is 10-17-1765. Which one?
229. Did Amy Smith m. 2-3-1793 the father or son, **Jonathan Knapp**?
230. There are two **Lockwood Knapps**, both with the same dates, children and wife, but with different ancestors. One is said to be the son of Isaac and Thirza (Lockwood)-Isaac and Mary (Gould). The other is the son of Elias and Esther (Welch)-Samuel and Mercy (Boughton). Which is the father of **Lockwood Knapp** who m. Charlotte Walker and had had Henry-Samuel-Isaac R.-Boughton D.-Frank and Sarah?
231. Mary VanLuvance m. either **William Knapp**, b. 1805/8, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Davis) or **William Knapp** b. 2-29-1792, d. 11-18-1823, son of Joseph and Margaret (Dickson). Mary VanLuvance was b. 8-21-1805, d. 8-12-1826. Which is correct?
232. Louisa Warner m. either **John U. Knapp**, b. 1811, d. 9-12-1890, son of Elisha and Ann ( . . . . ) or **John Knapp**, b. 4-7-1807, d. 1880, son of David and Margaret (Dater). Which is correct?
233. Eunice Webb is said to have m. **William Bush Knapp**, b. 3-1-1800, d. 11-6-1840, son of William and Esther (Isaacs) or **William Knapp** b. 1803, d. 11-22-1886, son of Jonathan and Ruth ( . . . . ) or **William P. Knapp**, b. 1806, d. 11-?-1851, son of John and Margaret (Horton). Which is correct?
234. Samuel Webb is credited with having m. four different **Mary Knapps**:
1. **Mary Knapp**, bapt. 9-10-1749, b. b. 1747, m. 3-6-1766, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Miller);
  2. **Margaret Knapp**, daughter of William and Margaret (Webb) m. Samuel Webb, "the Giant";
  3. **Mary or Maria Knapp**, daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Mead) m. 3-6-1766;
  4. **Mary Knapp**, b. 3-5-1747, daughter of John and Abigail (Haight) m. 3-6-1766. Did he marry one or two or is it two different Samuel Webbs?
235. Warren Webster, m. either **Phoebe D. Knapp**, b. 1845, m. 9-17-1865, daughter of James Duncan and Diantha (Rundell) or (**Phoebe Knapp** b. Ohio 1837, daughter of Ethan and Hannah ( . . . . ) m. 9-17-1865. Which is correct?
236. Henry Jackson Wells of Tyrone, New York, m. either **Elizabeth Knapp**, daughter of Zepheniah and Millah (Roe) or **Betsey Knapp**, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Pangborn). Which is correct?

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## NOTICE

Due to the illness of our President, David Knapp, as First Vice President I shall take over and carry on in his place until such time as our President is able to again give the Association his attention. There will be no change in policy. The purposes for which our organization was formed must go on for the mutual advantage of all.

DALLAS W. KNAPP



## NOTES

Word came some time ago of the passing of Oswald Greenway Knapp, a good friend of the Association in England. He was the son of Joseph Greenway Knapp, Vicar of Great and Little Hampton, County, Worcester, England. Born in 1859 at Maidenhead, Worcester, he was educated at Leamington College and Trinity College Oxford, having matriculated in Modern Classics, Literature and Humanities. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees from Durham; was Assistant Master of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at Mansfield and a private tutor. Among several books written by Mr. Knapp was the "History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp," in 1911, a copy of which he presented to our Association.

Both he and his father were lifelong students of the Knapp families in England and did extensive research work in this field. He was able to locate the origin in England of only one of our New England immigrant ancestors—William. He was not able to establish the place of origin in England of either Nicholas, Aaron or Roger for certain; nor could he establish their relationship to each other. He disproved the fable of their descent from the fictitious Roger de Knapp.

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The sympathy of the Association goes out to the families of those of our membership who have passed on during recent months. They are:

Asa S. Knapp of Syracuse, New York, died February 22, 1948 at his home.

Mrs. Charles H. Knapp of Rockford, Illinois died on April 1, 1947.

## OUR PRESIDENT

Word has come to us of the protracted illness of our President which has made it impossible for him to assist in the work of the Association during recent months. We are all hoping that in the very near future he will have sufficiently recovered to work with us again. Our very best wishes go to him at this time.

## QUERIES

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237. Harriet Whitney m. either John Knapp, son of Samuel and Abiah (Thompson) or John Knapp b. 1778, d. 3-15-1843, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Wright.) Which is correct?
238. Abel Valentine Williams m. either Sarah Jane Knapp, b. 11-5-1831, d. 11-19-1922, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Sprague) or Sarah Jane Knapp, daughter of Isaac H. Knapp. Which is correct?
239. Louisa Dickinson m. Burt Knapp, son of John and Louisa (Warner). But John Knapp's parents are given under No. 232 as either David and Margaret (Dater) or Elisha and Ann. (----) Which is correct?
240. Jemima Knapp married Simon Rumsey about 1750. Simon Rumsey moved from Southampton, Long Island, when a child to Cornwall, Orange County, New York. Wanted information as to the ancestry of Jemima Knapp.
241. Marguerite, dau. of James Riley Knapp, b. 1868. Wanted name of first husband.
242. John Knapp, son of George Conover and Margaret (Hardenburg) Knapp, m. in Syracuse, N. Y. about 1880 to whom? Names of children if any?
243. Charles Robert Knapp, B. 1862. Son George Washington and Susan Augusta (Strong) Knapp, M. in Montreal, Canada, to whom?
244. Emily Caroline Knapp, dau. of Job and Abigail (----) Knapp of Fishkill, N. Y. Whom did she marry?





245. **Walter P. and Harriet (----) Knapp** of Fishkill, N. Y. Dates and children of?
246. **Inez Theresa Knapp**, dau. of **Nathan Bangs** and **Celina Theresa (Hazen) Knapp**. Whom did she marry?
247. **John Arthur Knapp** m. **Lillian B. Irwin**. Dates of birth, marriage and death.
248. **George Lewis Knapp** and **Benjamin Franklin Knapp**, brothers of Greenbrier County, Virginia. Both have same children listed. Please show which is which.
249. **Charles P. Knapp**, son of **Charles E. and Elizabeth (Martin) Knapp**. B. about 1895. M. **Martha Booth**. Names of children desired and when and where born.
250. **Charles A. Knapp**, son of **William H. and Catherine A. (Waters) Knapp**. B. in Connecticut about 1858. Who, when and where did he marry? Names of children and when and where born.
251. **Spencer Hallock Knapp**, son of **James Howe and Anna E. (Rice) Knapp** of Connecticut. Names and dates of wife and children. Did **James Howe Knapp** have other children and if so the names and dates are desired.
252. **Benjamin Knapp** m. **Hannah Moses** in 1811 at Lima, New York. Died there in 1844. Was a pensioner after 1818. Ancestry and personal record desired, also information of any children.
253. **Benjamin Fairchild Knapp** M. **Sarah Pattee**. Lived in Wayne County, Michigan, in 1827. Ancestry and personal record desired, also information of any children.
254. **Gilbert Smith Knapp**, b. 1886 at Worthington, Dutchess County, New York. m. **Mary Martin**. Did he also marry **Louise Leichner**? Did they have any children?
255. **Jemima Knapp** m. **Simon Rumsey** in Orange County, New York in 1750. Ancestry desired.
256. **Roy C. Knapp**, son of **Robert and Melissa B. (Gilbert) Knapp**, m. **Elizabeth Ward**. Did he marry again and have children? If so names and dates desired.
257. **James William Knapp**, b. March 30, 1839, Warwick, N. Y.; m. **Mary J. Halbert**. Did they have children—**James Harold** and **Fred W.**?
258. Did **Margaret Travis** or **Travers** m. **David Conklin Knapp** about 1853 in Putnam County, N. Y.?
259. **John Lewis Knapp**, son of **John Lewis and Susan Jane (Decker) Knapp**, m. **Minnie Colton** at Dryden, New York. Did he also m. **Thelma Nelson**?



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dallas W. Knapp**

Through the Bulletin, your President extends greetings.

The present administration is committed to the task of having printed the Genealogy of the Nicholas Knapp descendants.

Our Genealogist, Dr. A. A. Knapp, of Peoria, Illinois, has worked diligently for a long time tracing out each family line until now he believes he has it complete back to Nicholas Knapp in 1630.

Each member of the Knapp Family Association of America owes the Doctor a debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts on this work. The manuscript contains the names of over twelve thousand Knapps, and in addition thereto several thousand more names in related families.

In a letter to the membership dated September 24, 1949, I requested each of you to subscribe early for the Genealogy so that the book when completed could be mailed direct to you from the printer, and for the further reason that your check for \$12.50 each could be applied on the printing cost.

The cost of printing the Genealogy will exceed the sum of \$5,000.00 for a minimum of five hundred copies. Considering all of the work done by Dr. Knapp, I am sure the members do not expect him to bear the entire burden and outlay for the printing costs.

An examination of the membership roll discloses that the Association has lost many members through death during the past two years. I am sure the membership can be built up, if each member will consider himself a committee of one and obtain a new member for us. Please contact the Secretary, Herbert Knapp Clinch for membership applications. All descendants of Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron Knapp are eligible for active membership.



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## THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting was held June 18, 1949 at 11 a.m. at the Hotel McAlpin.

Mrs. Dickinson read the Minutes of the last meeting of the Association Sept. 14, 1949, which were approved as read.

Mrs. Gregory read her Treasurer's Report covering Jan. 1, 1946 to June 18, 1949, which was approved as read.

The other important business was the election of Officers, for a two-year term—listed herein.

Mrs. George A. Rehner was re-elected Custodian of the Association.

Dr. A. A. Knapp pleased the Members by stating that the Publication of the Genealogy will be a reality.

Following the business meeting about twenty members sojourned at Schrafft's-Fifth Avenue, for luncheon and a pleasant get-together.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At our next Annual Meeting the necessity of raising our Life Membership to \$25.00 will be brought up.

## QUERY

Who were the parents of Ann Knapp who Married Ezra Hawley about 1840 in Chatham, Columbia County, N. Y.?

(Editor)

## KNAPP COAT OF ARMS

We have had many requests for copies of the Knapp Coat of Arms, which prompted us to have some made 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for framing.

The Coat of Arms is printed in six colors and is a work of art. It was made by The American Historical Co. Inc., of New York City.

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## DR. ALFRED A. KNAPP ANNOUNCES THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY

The Publishers are now working on it!

I turned part of my manuscript over to them at the end of September.

The book is being published by Edwards Brothers, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan. It will be a large book  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 inches, double column, of some 800 pages. It will contain about 20,000 names — 12,000 Knapps all fully traced back to Nicholas Knapp as accurately as it is possible at the present time, and about 8,000 names in related families. The book will contain all that we could find out about the 12 generations. It will be completely indexed. As a frontispiece it will have a full page Knapp Coat of Arms in six colors, which is a real work of art. It will also contain pictures, old letters and documents of general interest.

The price of the book to subscribers is \$12.50 postpaid. Subscriptions are now being solicited. We must know the number of subscriptions so that we will know how many books to have printed. After the subscription list is closed the price of the book will be advanced.

We also plan to include in the book photographs of ancestors and subscribers and of things of general interest.

The cost to the donor, of photographs for the book will be \$5.00 each. The size of the pictures in the book will be about 3 by 4 inches. **Photographs should be sent in soon.**

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Charles Ruggles Knapp, Ezra Fred Knapp, Henry Eno Knapp and Dr. Alfred A. Knapp each spent practically a lifetime—close to two hundred years combined—searching for and accumulating data on the Knapp Family.

Charles Ruggles Knapp was the first one. He traveled extensively about New England by train, horse and buggy and afoot in the 1880's for years, during the season when his hotel was closed. He left considerable data on the family in his manuscript. He also made quite an effort to have a Knapp Family Reunion in 1890—30 years ago.

Ezra Fred Knapp spent most of his school vacations year after year traveling about by automobile. He visited individuals (many scattered over the north-eastern part of the Country) who, he believed could furnish, or knew persons who could furnish, data essential to the completion of a broken line, but who were indifferent to his repeated appeals through correspondence. He visited Court Houses and Town Halls searching and copying their records. One season he visited practically every Court House in Ohio and Michigan and many in Indiana and Wisconsin. Another season he and his wife visited over forty County Seats in several States to secure Knapp family data from original sources, and obtained much new material. He visited cemeteries for information not recorded in books. He visited libraries, large and small, where he might find obscure family and local histories. He classified over 16,000 names during the 55 years he worked on the Knapp Genealogy. He typed the first eight generations of the Nicholas line, comprising more than 5,200 names. Only a person with his vigorous mind and strong body could have achieved such an accomplishment. Yet, he deplored the fact that he could not devote more time and money to further research.

Henry Eno Knapp and Dr. Alfred A. Knapp each worked more than 40 years on Knapp Family research.

These four men visited more than half of the States of the Union, wrote thousands of letters and spent literally tens of thousands of dollars on transportation, hotels, stationery, postage and incidental items, not to mention time and energy. It was more difficult to get data about the last three generations, than about former generations. The Family Bible had gone out of style and the younger generations were not yet old enough to be interested in, nor to appreciate the value of family history.

Upon the demise of Charles Ruggles Knapp, Ezra Fred Knapp and Henry Eno Knapp, their records were sent to Dr. Alfred A. Knapp to be combined with his voluminous record. Fitting the records of these four men into one grand record was a stupendous undertaking for one person. This brought to light many conflicts as to parents, spouses, children, places and dates. All of which necessitated further research either in person or by repeated appeals through correspondence. Most of them were finally verified.



Only those of us who have worked on Family Research realize the disappointments and heartbreaks experienced among the thrills of finding elusive ancestors.

Why did they do this?

So that the descendants of Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron Knapp could know who their ancestors were, and something about them.

At a great personal sacrifice these four men have given us a priceless Nicholas Knapp Genealogy that could not be duplicated today.

What a heritage this will be for posterity.

**"America shall not perish but endure**

**While the spirit of our fathers animates the sons."**

**That spirit animated the compilers of our Genealogy.**

**That spirit made America second to none.**

**That spirit can make our Association second to none.**

**"That Spirit!"**

## WHY SUBSCRIBE TO THE GENEALOGY NOW?

One of the objects of our Association is —

**"To aid our Genealogist in compiling and publishing the Genealogy."**

It may be some of us couldn't aid our Genealogist in compiling it, but we can all aid him in publishing it. Every one of us has been waiting for this book for years. Now we can have it.

After the thousands of dollars that this book has cost Dr. Knapp to compile, is it fair now, to ask him to advance five or six thousand dollars more to publish it for our benefit?

We all want a copy, but unless we subscribe now we will not be aiding Dr. Knapp to finance the publication.

This is not for you good people who are going to subscribe promptly. This is for "the good-intention pavement makers" who will intend to subscribe promptly, but will not.

**WE ARE KNAPPS — and proud of it !**

**Let us make the KNAPPS proud of us.**

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But they should be sent in soon.

**This is a wonderful opportunity, but don't delay and regret it.**





## THE BULLETIN

From 1936 to 1946 we were more fortunate than we knew in having Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson for our Secretary, and Editor of the Bulletin.

Every issue of the Bulletin had interesting items about our members, many items covering dozens of subjects. Births, Marriages and Deaths were of the greatest importance to our Genealogist also.

Where did Mrs. Dickinson get all of this information? Firstly, she knows practically every member, and many wrote to her about things of interest to the members, so that she could tell the rest of the Family. Secondly, her office was our Association Headquarters—a veritable "Cross Roads" for Knapp Members—where a welcome was warm. Regardless of how busy she was, the visitor never suspected that. The many visitors told her a great deal of news about the Family. She could always find an interesting article in her files, about an ancestor or member. That was Mrs. Dickinson.

Finally the demands upon her were so great that she was compelled to resign. The penalty to us—the reward to her for her capability. Now, we see the difference.

The last three issues of the Bulletin were not good. Because we members did not contribute news items to Miss Lawrence our Editor, in response to her appeals. Miss Lawrence knew that they were not good and stopped the publication.

It takes a lot of words to fill the Bulletin and I need interesting items.

Few of you know me, but will you all please send me clippings, and everything that you hear or read about the Knapps. If it interests you it will interest others. You may not even know some of them, but others may. This too, is very important to our Genealogist.

There are a couple of hundred of you, but there is only one of me. I live in New York City, but you live in many States and in many localities.

Our Bulletin is like a Small Town Paper. Except—that everyone tells the Reporter what he knows about everybody, so that everybody can know the news about everybody else. Our Bulletin is also like a mirror. It reflects what has been put into it. Wouldn't you like to see your reflection in our Bulletin? Some of you know of old Wills, deeds and the like that are not only interesting but informative. Some of you also know of authentic letters and incidents of our ancestors. Such items would make our Bulletin a veritable History.

This appeal to you is because I am anxious to publish a Bulletin that you and I can be proud of, as of old. I thank you in advance for your contributions and co-operation.

We would be pleased to send a Bulletin to prospective members.

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Editor

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# The Knapp Family Association of America

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dallas W. Knapp

It is difficult to understand why more of the descendants of our immigrant ancestors, Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron Knapp, do not voluntarily seek membership in The Knapp Family Association of America. The Association seeks to perpetuate the memory of these four immigrants, and to collect accurate information concerning each of them and their descendants, so that the same can be preserved for all future generations.

Some of the members of this Association have through it discovered that a former classmate in college, or a friend, or an acquaintance by the name of Knapp was actually a relative; a fact not known until traced by our genealogist.

The Association needs more members, which means more revenue. It needs more limbs of the family tree to supply information and family data. If only those who are eligible to join us would do so, the task would be lightened. Perhaps you do not realize the work of importance that is being done by Dr. A. A. Knapp, our genealogist. If this is true, and the facts seem to bear it out, it is important that each member of the Association work with other members of his immediate family to get them to obtain and send in signed applications for membership to our secretary, Herbert K. Clinch.

When the genealogy of the Nicholas Knapp line is off the press and distribution made, we believe the value of this work will be appreciated and an interest in the endeavor will be greatly stimulated. Bear in mind that the goal of the Association is for a genealogy for all four of our immigrant fathers, and as soon as ways and means can be devised, a genealogy of the descendants of the lines of William, Roger and Aaron Knapp, will follow. Just when this can be accomplished depends upon all of us.

The Association needs you and we welcome an opportunity to demonstrate that you need the Association.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new members.

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At our next Annual Meeting the necessity of raising our Life Membership cost, will be brought up.

# THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Hotel McAlpin, New York, October 14th, 1950. You are wanted, very much.

## NOTE

**Correction**—p. 93, Oct. 1949 Bulletin—The cost of printing the Genealogy will exceed the sum of \$5,000.00 for a minimum of 300 copies — instead of "500 copies."

All correspondence to Dr. A. A. Knapp should be sent to his home, 1800 Columbia Terrace, Peoria 5, Illinois.

Dr. Knapp and his daughter Miss Mary Knapp have returned to their home after having spent the winter in Winter Park, Florida.

Mrs. Eva Knapp Vail, the sister of our Dr. Knapp, celebrated her 90th birthday March 20th at the home of her son Mr. Alfred C. Vail in Ames, Iowa. She said it was the happiest birthday she ever had. Sixty four persons signed her guest book, and she received over sixty cards from friends. The Secretary received a very appreciative note from her, acknowledging the Birthday Card from the Association.

Mrs. George A. Kuhner our Custodian has just been elected Curator General of The National Society of The Daughters of The American Revolution.

We heartily congratulate Mrs. Kuhner upon the great honor bestowed upon her.

Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidavere of Alhambra, Calif., one of our Charter Members, is still one of our most enthusiastic and truly interested members, although she is 85 and almost helpless from arthritis.

Several members have joined the Association due to her efforts, and her many letters have publicized our Genealogy.

## KNAPP COAT OF ARMS

The Secretary has copies of the Knapp Coat of Arms, 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for framing. It is printed in six colors and is a work of art.

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Send orders to Herbert K. Clinch, Sec'y, 114 West 16th St., New York 11, N. Y. with check to order of Mrs. Heath Gregory, Treas.





## THE DELIVERY OF THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY

When the Publishers examined Dr. Knapp's manuscript of The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy in September 1948, and again in June 1949 they assured him that it was satisfactory. A year later when they were working on it, they advised him that the entire manuscript would have to be rewritten, after having wasted a year of valuable time. This was a heart-breaking blow to Dr. Knapp. Retyping and rechecking 800 pages of this complicated material is a tremendous undertaking. Dr. Knapp has devoted the entire winter to this task, and he still has several months work to do. He recently advised that the Genealogy will be ready for delivery this winter.

This explains the unforeseen, and the unfortunate delay in the publication of the Genealogy.

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## THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY

The book is being published by Edwards Brothers, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan. It will be a large book 8½ by 11 inches, double column of some 800 pages. It will contain about 20,000 names — 12,000 Knapps all traced back to Nicholas Knapp as accurately as it is possible at the present time, and about 8,000 names in related families. The book will contain all that we could find out about the 12 generations. It will be completely indexed. As a frontispiece it will have a full page Knapp Coat of Arms in six colors, which is a real work of art. It will also contain pictures, old letters and documents of general interest.

The price of the book to subscribers is \$12.50 postpaid.

We also plan to include in the book photographs of ancestors and subscribers and of things of general interest.

The cost to the donor, of photographs for the book will be \$5.00 each. The size of the pictures in the book will be about 3 x 4 inches. Photographs can be accepted, if sent in within sixty days.

We solicit your subscriptions and need your cooperation.

Send subscriptions for the book with your check, to Dallas W. Knapp, Terminal Building, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Send photographs for the book with your check, to Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, 1800 Columbia Terrace, Peoria 5, Illinois

Make all checks to the order of Mrs. Heathe Gregory, Treasurer.

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## THE ENGLISH BACKGROUND OF THE NEW ENGLAND SETTLEMENTS

by G. Andrew Moriarty

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The Plymouth Colony, until 1692, was a separate jurisdiction from Massachusetts. This was the Colony founded by the "Mayflower" passengers and was the home of the real dissenters. At the close of Elizabeth's reign the sect of the Brownists, as they were called from their founder, Brown, a kinsman of Lord Burleigh, had made considerable progress especially on the Nottinghamshire-Yorkshire border, in the vicinity of the River Idle. Persecuted by King James, these people fled to Holland in 1607 and established themselves in the University city of Leyden; but, as time went on, although enjoying religious liberty under the tolerant Dutch, they dreaded lest they should cease to be English and lose themselves among the Dutch, so they obtained a patent from King James and set sail in the "Mayflower" from Delft Haven in the summer of 1620.

The Plymouth Colony men were for the most part humble folk, husbandmen and artisans from around the Yorkshire and Nottingham borders with a sprinkling of persons from other parts of England — principally the South Eastern counties — who had joined them while they were in Holland. Nevertheless, the leaders were men of some importance, thus Brewster was a Cambridge man and he had been private secretary to Davidson, Queen Elizabeth's Under-Secretary of State, as well as the post-master at Scrooby, on the great Northern post road, — by virtue of which office he had dwelt in the old Manor House there. Edward Winslow was a young man of gentle family from Droitwich in Worcestershire, who had been sent to complete his education by travel on the Continent and, while at Leyden had become so impressed with this little group of Englishmen that he had joined their community. Myles Standish, the military leader of the Colony, was a member of the ancient Lancashire House of Standish of Ormskirk and had been a soldier in the Low Countries, where he came in contact with the Leyden group, while Bradford, the historian of the Plymouth settlement, belonged to a family of prosperous yeomen at Austinfield, near Scrooby.

The Plymouth Colonists were mild and tolerant in their views, but they lacked the wealth and influence necessary to develop their Colony upon a large scale and they were destined to be overshadowed by the great settlement soon to be planted to the North of their settlements. In the ten years between 1620 and 1630 they had hardly advanced beyond the bounds of their original settlement at New Plymouth and although in subsequent years they prospered to a fair extent as the result of their own efforts they were never a powerful colony and in 1692 William III ended their existence as a separate Government and annexed them to Massachusetts. These first settlers of Plymouth were the real non-conformists and the so-called "Pilgrim Fathers", although by a strange misapprehension, this term is frequently applied both in England and America to the Puritans of Massachusetts.

Of all the early English settlements North of Virginia, by far the most important and powerful was that of Massachusetts Bay. In order to understand the composition of this Colony it is necessary to recall the political conditions in England between the death of Elizabeth and the meeting of the Short Parliament. At the accession of Charles I the temper of the majority of the country gentry and merchants of England was decidedly Puritan in its tendency. The Calvinism that had permeated the Church in the latter days of the Great Queen, under the auspices of the Puritan Archbishop of Canterbury, Grindal, was bitterly opposed to the innovations of Laud and was further identified with the anti-Spanish feeling of the nation aroused to fury by the spectacle of King James grovelling before the Spanish King; and if we are to understand the origins of the Massachusetts Bay Settlement, it must be constantly kept in mind that between 1625 and 1640 the Puritan party was not merely a party of the middle classes, but that





of a majority of the country gentry, and of a very powerful section of the nobility, and it is of great significance that the Colony that was destined to assure the permanence of the English race in North America was settled between the years 1628 — the year of the dissolution of the "Petition of Right Parliament" — and 1641, the year of the meeting of the Long Parliament — in other words, it was planted in the years of the personal rule of Charles, under the guidance of Strafford and Laud, when the powerful leaders of the opposition were doubtful of the outcome of events in England, and were preparing a place of refuge should the struggle go against them in England. Accordingly, from the beginning, the settlement of Massachusetts was undertaken by men of substance and influence, backed by some exceedingly influential noblemen and gentlemen, among whom the Earls of Lincoln and Warwick and Lord Say and Sele and Lord Brooke were very prominent. The result of this was that when the great exodus of Massachusetts took place in 1629-30, there were many persons of importance among the leaders and their wealth assured the rapid growth and success of the new undertaking.

The composition of the Massachusetts settlement was of a different order from that of any other Colony ever sent out from England, inasmuch as it was rather political than economic, and as the settlers were leaving better conditions in England than they expected to find in the New World. The leaders were members of the Puritan country gentry, with well-to-do merchants from the larger towns, and clerics of the English Church, who had been silenced by Laud, while the bulk of the rank and file of the Colonists were prosperous and well-to-do yeomen and tradesmen with their apprentices and servants — of the lower classes there was practically no representation.

The first attempt to settle within the boundaries of what is now Massachusetts was made by a Company of Merchants in Dorchester in Dorset, under the auspices of the Rev. John White, the famous Puritan preacher in that town, and its uncrowned King. These settlers, who came almost exclusively from Dorset, Somerset and Eastern Devon, settled at first in 1624 in Cape Ann, within the boundaries of what is now the town of Gloucester, and in 1626 they removed to a place called by the Indians "Naumkeag", and laid the foundations of the famous town of Salem. But it was not until 1629 that the plans of the great Puritan leaders to plant a settlement in Massachusetts had sufficiently advanced to undertake a colonizing enterprise on a large scale. By that time the powerful chiefs of the Puritan party had secured the Massachusetts Bay Charter and a large fleet was sent out from London with the new colonists under the leadership of John Winthrop, Lord of the Manor of Groton in Suffolk and the head of a family that had risen like so many of the Tudor gentry upon the spoils of the monasteries. With him were Sir Richard Saltonstall, a Yorkshire Knight of an ancient family and the ancestor of a prominent New England family, two of the daughters of the Earl of Lincoln, the Ladies Arabella and Elizabeth, with their husbands, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Humphrey, Waldegrave Pelham, Roger Harlarkenden of the Kentish family and Rev. John Wilson, the son of a canon of Windsor and nephew of Archbishop Grindal. This John Wilson was destined to be the Minister of the First Church in Boston and the ancestor of a long line of New England clergymen. The new settlers planted at Trimount in 1630 and named the place Boston in honor of Rev. John Cotton, the Vicar at St. Botolph's at old Boston, who came out with many Lincolnshire men, to be the assistant of Rev. Wilson in the Boston Church.

As soon as this settlement was established others began to pour in, and, by the year 1641, more than ten thousand Englishmen, among them 104 graduates of Cambridge and 33 of Oxford were busy in settling new towns along the Massachusetts seaboard and the success of the English colonization in this region was assured. It is very typical of the quality of the Settlement that in six years the foundation of Boston, the University of Harvard was founded (1636) and an old Cambridge graduate, the Rev. Henry Dunster, was installed as its first President, while his successor, Rev. Charles Chauncy, of the well-known Hertfordshire family, had formerly been Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge until expelled by Laud. It may be of interest to note that among the first of the new University was Sir George Downing, from whom Downing Street was named.

The above brief sketch of the origin and nature of the English settlements is properly followed by a discussion on those parts of England from which the settlers came. Modern methods of historical research are able to determine this with considerable accuracy, owing to the fact that the emigration was not an individual one, but was composed of groups of persons from the same neighborhood who remained together when they first settled in Massachusetts. This curious state of affairs came about as follows: Some Puritan clergyman, having been silenced by Archbishop Laud, would



decide to emigrate to New England and then his admirers — his influence usually extended about 30 miles around the parish in which he had preached — would go out with him to New England. A study of the career of the emigrating parson will therefore determine from what part of England his followers in New England came. Upon their arrival in Massachusetts the newcomers would usually name their new settlement after the nearest large town to their old home in England.

As it is to be expected, the largest emigration was from the Puritan region of East Anglia — from South Western Suffolk, North Western Essex and Eastern Hertfordshire. If the old cloth town of Sudbury-on-Stour is taken as a center and a circle of fifty miles is drawn around it, you will have the region from which the emigration was most intense. The predomination of East Anglian names among the most ancient of the Massachusetts towns, such as Sudbury, Braintree, Topsfield, Boxford, Dedham, etc., bear witness to the numbers of East Anglians that went out to the Puritan Settlements.

Next to the East Anglia the Wessex counties of Dorset, Somerset and Eastern Devon contributed the next largest quota under the leadership of such clergymen as Maverick and Wareham and the town Dorchester was the center of the Wessex men, and there was a group of Somersetshire men at Taunton. The Weald of Kent contributed a numerous emigration under the leadership of Rev. John Lothrop, and these people eventually settled in and around Sandwich, Cape Cod; they came for the most part from Headcorn and Cranbrook. In Boston there were the Lincolnshire men who came with Rev. John Cotton and at Hingham were the Norfolk men who accompanied the silenced vicar of that place, Rev. John Peck, to New England. At Lynn there was a group of Leicestershire men from around Lutterworth, Cambridge, Dedham and Watertown were largely East Anglican, as were Boxford, Chelmsford and Braintree. Roxbury was settled by Essex and Hertfordshire people under the leadership of Rev. John Eliot, who had been vicar of Nasing. In addition to the East Anglican, Wessex and Kentish groups there was a considerable emigration from the Midland counties of Bucks and Northants, who were scattered through the settlements. In Northeastern Massachusetts in the towns of Ipswich (named in honor of the younger Winthrop, a Suffolk man), Amesbury, Salisbury and Andover, there were many persons coming from the borders of Wilts and Hants under the leadership of Rev. Stephen Batcheller, who settled at Warrell.

It is curious that the emigration from the North and West was comparatively slight. At Rowley there was a group of Yorkshiremen from the Vale of Bradford, who came with Ezekiel Rogers, who had preached at Rowley in England and at Dorchester, originally a settlement of Dorset men, there was a group of Lancashire men from around Preston, who came with Rev. Richard Mather, who had been formerly the Rector there; while at Cambridge there were about 30 families from Durham who had come under the influence of Rev. Thomas Shepherd, when he was in hiding there from the officers of Laud. But, with these exceptions, there was little or no migration from the Northern counties. At Marshfield, in Plymouth Colony, there was a settlement of people from the borders of Gloucestershire and Wales under the lead of a clergyman named Blinman and a portion of these afterwards settled at Gloucester on Cape Ann.

The above gives a very hasty and somewhat incomplete resume of the principal elements that made up the early settlement of Massachusetts. It must be borne in mind that this settlement was practically complete by the year 1642 and that thereafter, during the Civil War, the trend of emigration was rather back into England, than out to New England and it is certain fact that the future predominance of the Anglo-Saxon race in North America was assured by this strong settlement of Englishmen directly South of the French settlements in Canada with whom they were destined to carry on a long and stubborn struggle.

After the year 1642 the character of the emigration changed entirely. It was no longer political, but economic, and there were no more well-defined groups. Henceforth, the later-comers were, for the most part, merchants, artisans and tradesmen from London, Bristol and the Southwestern counties, who came out to seek their fortunes in the Colonies; but there was one non-English group who, arriving in 1650 and 1651, added a picturesque element to the purely English tone of the Settlement. These were some 500 Scots, prisoners taken at Dunbar and Worcester and who were sold by Oliver to a firm of London merchants, Bex & Co., who had iron works at Lynn and Braintree, in Massachusetts. These Scots for the most part Highlanders, were sent out to work in the iron works, their names became Anglicised (as for example Hume into Holmes), and their descendents amalgamated with the English population in a few generations.





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### A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with humble industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and many tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be peace and justice at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — George Washington

A few years ago there was a derisive saying, "The horse and buggy days."

We should be thankful for "the horse and buggy days" and for the men that they produced, men that would not defame our God-given heritage to this wonderful country of ours.

George Washington wrote that beautiful prayer in "the horse and buggy days," over one hundred and fifty years ago. Would a prayer written today be more appropriate or more needed?

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dallas W. Knapp

From the files, records and proceedings of The Knapp Family Association of America, I learn that the descendants of our Immigrant Ancestors are now domiciled in every State of the Union and every Province of the Dominion of Canada. The fact that through the years our family has known more than ten generations scattered over the face of North America, has naturally resulted in our knowing less and less about each other.

The Bulletin is a medium which we can all use to learn more about the family members. This can be accomplished if each member will write the Editor when there is a death, a birth, a marriage or some signal honor conferred upon one of our family. This will be mentioned in the Bulletin for the information of all the members, and will help to make the Bulletin more personal, helpful and informative, and more appreciated by the membership as a whole.





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186 William St., East Orange, N. J.

**Genealogist**—Alfred A. Knapp, M.D.  
945 South Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Winter Park, Florida

# THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was held October 14, 1950 at the Hotel Governor Clinton, New York.

The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by President Dallas W. Knapp of Coffeyville, Kansas.

A vote of thanks was given to the Secretary and Treasurer for their services.

President Dallas W. Knapp made a motion that Mr. Clarence C. Dickinson be made an Honorary Life Member of our Association, in recognition of his valuable service to the Association, in voluntarily acting as our Assistant Secretary and handling all of the complicated details of that office from 1936, the date of our organization, until 1946; which motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Executive Committee suggested that a proposed Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association be read for consideration. After the reading and discussion it was moved, seconded and unanimously accepted as read. A copy of the revised Constitution and By-Laws appears herein.

After the Meeting eight Members had a delicious luncheon and a pleasant "fest" at Schrafft's 7th Avenue—a proper aftermath. One Member said "the Meeting was delightful in spite of the small number, and there was plenty of enthusiasm."

President and Mrs. Dallas W. Knapp traveled a total of 5,000 miles, and Dr. Alfred A. Knapp and his daughter, Miss Mary L. Knapp, traveled a total of 4,000 miles to attend our Annual Meeting. Doctor and Miss Knapp were unable to secure railroad accommodations ten days ahead of time, because of the Army-Michigan football game in New York that day, and they had to take a plane at 7 o'clock that morning to New York.

These are outstanding examples of devotion to a cause, for which the Association owes them its sincere appreciation and hearty thanks, which are offered herewith.

This year our Treasurer's duties have been about tripled due to the subscriptions to the Genealogy and sales of the Coat of Arms. In addition to that, Mrs. Gregory had a serious fall and broke three bones in her right hand which incapacitated her for several weeks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for her splendid perseverance and cooperation.

DALLAS W. KNAPP, *President*  
DR. A. A. KNAPP, *Genealogist*  
HERBERT K. CLINCH, *Secretary*



## THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY

The book is being published by Edwards Brothers, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan. It will be a large book 8½ by 11 inches, double column of some 800 pages. It will contain about 20,000 names — 12,000 Knapps all traced back to Nicholas Knapp in 1630 as accurately as it is possible at the present time, and about 8,000 names in related families. The book will contain all that we could find out about the 12 generations. It will be completely indexed. As a frontispiece it will have a full page Knapp Coat of Arms in six colors, which is a real work of art. It will also contain pictures, old letters and documents of general interest.

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## DELIVERY OF THE GENEALOGY

The publishers expect that the book will be ready for delivery by the end of the winter.

They now have the entire manuscript and are setting the type for the last few generations which will have to be returned to Dr. Knapp for proof-reading.

Dr. Knapp is now working on the complicated index. He has four hundred Mary Knapp's, and one, two and three hundred of other individual Knapp names. This situation has necessitated identifying the name with the birth, marriage and death dates, a tremendous task, but it is the only way to identify a particular individual name.

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## NOTE

Our Genealogist Dr. Alfred A. Knapp has sold his home in Peoria, Illinois, which has been their home for forty years. He and his daughter Miss Mary L. Knapp have moved to Florida permanently.

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## OUR MEMBERSHIP

There are tens of thousands of descendants of Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron Knapp in the United States, and every one of them is a potential member. Probably, not one of them in fifty has ever heard of our Association. Many of them would be interested in joining our Association if they knew about it and its worthy objects.

How many of us really do something about furthering our Association among known descendants? A few do a great deal and always have, and they get results, that's what keeps our Association alive, replacements have to be maintained.

You may say, what do I get out of being a Member, and what will they get out of it? That depends upon what you put into it, and what they will put into it, besides the dues.

What do you get out of being an American?

By being an American you have the greatest opportunity on earth to benefit yourself, your family and America. The opportunity — but unless you take advantage of that opportunity, none of them will benefit. Yet, the thought of giving up your American birth-right for that of any other country would seem preposterous to you.

When Family is mentioned, don't you feel a sense of pride in being a Knapp, whether you bear the name, or one of your forebears did? They came here in 1630, and shared in the hardships and privations, and steadfastly helped in the building of our country.

Don't you feel a sense of pride in being a Member of an Association that is virtually a huge "Switchboard", trying to connect all of the twigs to their branches, and the branches to their limbs, and the limbs to our Knapp Family Tree? An Association, whose objects include: "To honor and perpetuate the memory of our immigrant ancestors: To classify and file all available records into their proper family group: To aid our Genealogist in compiling and publishing The Knapp Genealogy."

We have a record of all of your forebears that you know, because you gave them to us when you joined our Association. Don't you feel a sense of pride in having connected other Family members with the said "Switchboard", some of whose forebears might fill in a gap that our Genealogist has tried to fill in for years, in order to attach a large branch complete, that he cannot attach to our tree at present, although he knows that it belongs on the tree? If you don't, then you haven't connected others with the said "Switchboard". Doing, not watching, causes the thrill in this case as in life, because doing, is participating in the result.

That is the way it is done and has been done, until now we have a family history containing over 20,000 names, which we can hand down as a heritage to posterity.

The Genealogy will contain the combined records of four men who spent a total of nearly two hundred years, searching for, and recording these Knapp ancestors, which men personally spent thousands of dollars for their expenses, to say nothing of their time and effort.

The publication of the Nicholas Knapp Descendants will not mean a lessening of effort to fill in the gaps in the Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron lines. There are still many gaps to be filled in, and the ancestors of every new member may include one that is needed to fill in such a gap.

When you see the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy, you may be surprised to find that we have recorded many more of your forebears than you know.

Yes, we need more Members, many more, and their resulting ancestors and dues. Even a small Association has many expenses. The heavy expenses of the researchers and compilers are borne personally by these workers.



**CONSTITUTION**  
**THE KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**As Revised October 14, 1950**

**Article I — NAME**

The name of the Association shall be: **The Knapp Family Association of America.**

**Article II — OBJECTS**

The objects of the Association shall be:

1. To honor and perpetuate the memory of our immigrant ancestors, Nicholas Knapp, William Knapp, Roger Knapp and Aaron Knapp.
2. To collect and preserve all information possible concerning them and their descendants, and to mark historical spots when practicable.
3. To classify and file all available records, separating the various individuals into their proper family group.
4. To aid our Genealogist with all our family records, and in any other way that may be helpful in compiling and publishing the Knapp Genealogy.
5. To encourage sociability and promote friendships among our members.

**BY-LAWS**

**Article I — MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Descendants of these Knapp ancestors are eligible for **Active Membership.**

Those who have married these Knapp descendants are eligible for **Associate Members'hip.**

**Life Membership** shall be \$10.00.

As of June 24, 1939 the annual dues shall be \$2.00 payable in advance (not retro-active for members who joined at \$1.00 per annum).

Any one joining after July 1st of any year shall not be required to pay dues again until January 1st of the second year following.

Non-payment of dues for two years shall automatically place the names of delinquent members on the inactive list, but upon payment of dues such names shall be returned to the active list.

No debts may be contracted that exceed the available funds of the Association.

**Article II — MEETINGS**

The meetings of the Association shall be held annually at the time and place chosen by the Executive Committee. Extra meetings may be called by the Executive Committee when deemed advisable.



## BY-LAWS

### Article III — OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall consist of:

1. President
2. Four Vice-Presidents
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Assistant Treasurer
6. Genealogist
7. An Executive Committee to be composed of all the above officers.

All officers shall be elected for a two year term or until their successor is elected and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the above offices shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee to serve for the unexpired term.

### Article IV — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers shall be those commonly accepted as applying to their respective offices.

**The President** shall appoint the committees, which shall include an Auditing Committee and a Nominating Committee and such other committees as shall be deemed expedient.

**The Secretary** shall keep all records of the meetings of the Association, conduct its correspondence, and purchase all necessary printed forms, stationery, etc. required.

**The Treasurer** shall keep a full and complete account of all financial transactions, conduct the correspondence necessary thereto, and pay all bills upon order of the President or Executive Committee.

**The Genealogist** shall have the custody of all historical and genealogical data collected by the Association, and may use it for the advancement of a genealogical publication.

**The Executive Committee** shall have control of the Association during the interim between meetings.

Roberts Rules of order shall govern where no other rules apply.

### Article V — BULLETIN

**The Secretary** shall publish a quarterly or semi-annual Bulletin to be sent to all the members, and distributed wherever it will aid in publicizing or in furthering the objects of the Association. It may contain all official notices, information concerning the Association, news items, queries and answers, and anything else that will help in attaining the objects of the Association.

### Article VI — AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be altered or amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.





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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dallas W. Knapp**

Fellow members of the Knapp Family Association of America.

I should like to take this opportunity to advise you that it has been a real joy to serve you as your President for the past two years. In the course of this office, many letters have come to me, and many of them from you, containing priceless information as to our ancestry.

It is apparent that until a little over a century ago, the people of this continent showed little concern for their genealogy. With the creation of State, Patriotic and Colonial societies, however, came a desire on the part of many to examine the musty records of the past in a search for the story of their ancestry.

As the story unfolds it tells of the greatness of many of those who have gone before us, and of their accomplishments in which we may even now take pride. And though we feel humble in the reading of this great story, it inspires us to live our own chapter in such a way that our descendants may also one day read with pride and proudly carry on.

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### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new members:

#### Life Members

Clarence C. Dickinson  
Charles Temple Macdonald

New York, N. Y.  
Alexandria, Va.

#### Annual Members

Mrs. George N. Knapp  
Mrs. Alice Bannister Steuart  
Joseph Willis Summers  
Mrs. Lorin P. Monsen

Stanton, Minn.  
Denver, Colo.  
Morgantown, W. Va.  
Salt Lake City, Utah

#### Transferred to Life Membership

Mrs. Elsie Knapp Jordan  
Abner H. Knapp

East Orange, N. J.  
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### OFFICERS 1949 - 1951

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#### Vice-Presidents—

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1147 Harvard Road,  
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161 Hall Ave., Washington, Penna.

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## THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Meeting and a Luncheon will be held at the Allerton House for Women, 132 East 57th Street at Lexington Ave., New York, June 16, 1951. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Please note the date now.

After the luncheon we will hold our meeting and have our biennial election of officers. You are cordially urged to be present and to bring members of your family and friends as your guests.

After the meeting we will have a program and an opportunity to visit, which is most important and always enjoyable.

Messages and suggestions from Members who will be unable to attend the meeting because of the distance or for other reasons, will be appreciated and will be read at the meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to have an active part in the meeting although you are absent. Our mail service has deteriorated so don't put off writing too long.

A notice of the meeting and reservation requests for the luncheon will be sent to you later. The luncheon will be \$2.00 including tips and taxes.

### NOTES

President Dallas W. Knapp has appointed Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, Miss Mary L. Knapp and Mrs. Heath Gregory a Committee on Nominations.

Henry B. Betts who has been one of our most interested Members since Oct. 1936, and who has contributed much to the Knapp records of our Association, has been very ill since December, and is in a nursing-home in New Haven.

Our best wishes for his continued improvement go out to him.

Our Genealogist Dr. Alfred A. Knapp and his daughter Miss Mary L. Knapp have moved into their new home. Our best wishes move in with them.

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### OUR ARGOSIES

If you have ships upon the seas,  
 May every friendly wave and breeze  
 Bring back full-freighted argosies.  
 If you have camel-trains afar,  
 May each beneath a lucky star  
 Bring back its wealth to where you are.  
 But, if the treasures that you hold  
 Are not of frankincense and gold;  
 But all your store of precious things  
 Consists of dreams and visionings,  
 Like magic castles built in Spain,  
 Or wondrous castles in the air—  
 A long-sought prize you hope to gain  
 From here, or there, or anywhere—  
 Then may the future bring to you,  
 Like homing ships across the blue,  
 Each wish fulfilled, each dream come true.

(Signed) Jacob Henry Knapp

His last message—written for our  
 Second Annual Meeting—where it was read.

### IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret the Association announces the death of the following Members, and the Association extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

**Mrs. F. W. Andrews** died August 1, 1950 — Joined June 1942

**Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown** died March 5, 1951 — Joined Sept. 2, 1936, Life Member  
 She was a cousin of our Treasurer Mrs. Heathe Gregory.

The Organization Meeting of The Knapp Family Association was held at her home, 912 Fifth Avenue, New York, Sept. 2, 1936. She was our Treasurer from Sept. 2, 1936 to June 27, 1941. Her husband, Dickson Q. Brown, who died in 1939, was one of our most active Members and did an immense amount of Knapp Family research, the results of which he contributed to our Association. They were both very able and valuable Members.

**Miss Ida L. Clayton** died October 24, 1950 — Joined July 1940

**Mrs. Eva Knapp Vail** died February 16, 1951 — Joined March 1938

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### QUERY

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Or the address of —

Harold M. Knapp other than 752 North 40th Street, Philadelphia, Penna. from which he has moved.

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## ENGLISH LEGAL DEFINITIONS ABOUT 1600

**"Husbandman"**—a man that did not own land—that was not a freeholder could not be a Yeoman, but was technically a Husbandman—what we should call a tenant farmer. He might save money and buy land and become a Yeoman.

**"Yeoman"**—a man that owned land—that held freehold land of the value of 40 shillings or more per annum. He might also lease additional land from a neighboring owner and in respect to that land he would be a tenant—but he would still be a Yeoman. The Yeoman that was thrifty and industrious, and bought a manor became a Gentleman.

**"Gentleman"**—if he had social ambitions, and bought or got a grant of a Coat of Arms from the Heralds he became an Esquire. His daughters married into knightly or noble families, and their children became Peers of the Realm.

"This is not a fancy picture, but sober fact."

Oswald Greenway Knapp—London

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"I shall continue to fight against that greatest scourge of mankind, Communism, as long as God gives me the power to fight.

"I shall work with you in the discharge of our common responsibilities of citizenship to the end that American policy be based upon the thoughts and the needs and the aspirations of the American people unyielding to undue and exaggerated political pressures from abroad.

"I shall stand with you for an America rededicated to those sacred and immutable ideals and concepts which guided our forefathers when drawing the design of American freedom. For although without command, authority or responsibility, I still proudly possess that, to me, the greatest of all honors and distinctions—I am an American."

General Douglas MacArthur, Chicago, 1951

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"That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg, 1863



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For many years I have been a member of THE KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, and for many years I have been one of your vice-presidents. I shall never be able to tell why you saw fit to elevate me to the presidency. Be that as it may, I am happy to serve you, and I thank you for the privilege. With your cooperation we can perpetuate an organization which shall be not only a credit to the founders, but to our ancestors and descendants.

I have before me the alphabetical list of members, from Mrs. Ruth McIntire Allen, Bay City, Michigan, to Mrs. Edward C. Zabriskie, New York City. During the year I hope to write a personal letter to each one of you, enclosing applications for membership. These can be obtained from our Secretary at any time. He is Chairman, and each of you is a member of our Membership Committee.

Last March I visited with Dr. Alfred A. Knapp and his daughter Mary in their new home in Winter Park, Florida. To him we owe much of our genealogical data and the stability of our Association.

To Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson I owe a personal debt of gratitude. She is a capable professional genealogist. The Association owes her a deep appreciation for many years of devoted service.

Daniel Webster has said, "There is a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart." While we are not "ancestor worshippers," we revere the Knapp blood that flows in our veins and the indomitable characteristics of our ancestors. I am proud of the noble heritage which they have given me. I am proud of the Knapp Coat-of-Arms which hangs in my living-room. But I should be chagrined if I did not use my talents to do some good in the world. Someone has said, "Distinguished birth is like a cipher. It has no power in itself, like wealth, or talent, or personal excellence; but it tells, with all the power of a cipher, when added to any of the others." Let us try to add zeal to our ancestry by affixing numerals to our ancestral "ciphers," and make our membership roster number at least 1,000, but 25,000 would be possible. The more numerals the better. There are tens of thousands of Knapp descendants in America. Thousands of them should be members of our Association. They will become members if we apply the personal contact to those whom we can reach.

Our annual meeting last June in New York was most interesting and inspiring. Your Executive Committee will do everything in its power to keep you informed through the Bulletin, and provide for you an instructive and entertaining annual meeting—next June. Our Secretary, Herbert Knapp Clinch, is editor of the Bulletin. To him and to our Treasurer, Mrs. Heathe Gregory, we owe a debt of gratitude for doing most of the annual ground-work of our Association.

To each and every one of you I extend most cordial greetings. May I hear from you individually, with suggestions, items of interest, applications for membership, and your personal good will?

Very sincerely yours,

Eugenie Grover Carothers  
(Mrs. C. E. Carothers)





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Eighteen Members and guests from Kansas, Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, enjoyed a delicious luncheon from 12 noon until 1:15 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Dallas W. Knapp, of Coffeyville, Kansas.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on hand of \$231.56 were read and accepted.

Our Genealogist, Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, spoke about the progress being made on the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy, which is encouraging. Dr. Knapp and his daughter, Miss Mary Knapp, are completing the third proof-reading of the entire book as the finished copy is received from the publisher.

Mrs. Dickinson moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to Dr. and Miss Knapp for the tremendous amount of their time and work that has made this book possible. It was seconded and heartily given.

The other important business was the election of Officers for a two-year term—listed herein.

President Mrs. C. E. Carothers appointed Herbert K. Clinch, Auditor.

### NOTICE

As we go to press word is received that Dr. Alfred A. Knapp and his daughter Miss Mary L. Knapp will be at the Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Ill., for several weeks, as Dr. Knapp expects to have an operation. Our sincere wishes for his speedy recovery go to him.

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## DALLAS W. KNAPP

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This is the first year that Mrs. Knapp has not accompanied him, and she was missed very much by her many friends. Mrs. Knapp had planned to come even though she was ill, but at the last minute her physician would not consent. We send her our sincere best wishes for her speedy recovery.

In May, the Army called Dallas Knapp's son Charles D. Knapp, of Coffeyville, back into active service. Dallas and Charles Knapp are partners in their legal profession. This throws the full load of their profession back upon Dallas Knapp.

In spite of these unfortunate events just before our meeting, President Dallas W. Knapp attended the meeting as usual. This is further evidence of the determination of Knapps toward duty.

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## OUR FOREFATHERS

At our First Annual Meeting June 26, 1937, Jacob Henry Knapp of Parkersburg, W. Va., one of our most enthusiastic, serious and valued members, who had secured many members for our Association, and who was hardly able to travel, had come to our Meeting against his doctor's orders.

He addressed the Meeting speaking of the "Knapp Characteristics," saying, "they were and are a determined people. All descendants ought to be proud of their ancestors who did tame the wilderness, did till the soil, and did overcome all barriers." He concluded with the following poem.

"In early days, long, long ago  
Our forebears found 'hard rows to hoe,'  
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,  
Beneath a threatening sky,  
It mattered not how hard they'd try,  
Their best-laid plans oft went awry,  
And brought them naught but grief and woe  
To urge them on to 'do or die!'"

Yes, the founders of this nation were indomitable characters. Otherwise they would not have left their comfortable homes with their families, and braved the terrible sea voyage to hew out of a cruel wilderness a new life.





They wanted freedom—freedom from tyranny—at any cost. The cost was high. The cost of value is always high.

They suffered and bled and died fighting the elements, the savages, sickness and hunger. They had to build cabins out of live timber. They had to clear the timber from around their cabins for safety from the savages. They had to clear the stumps of the timber and the boulders and stones from the land in order to grow food. Hence the stone walls in Connecticut. The primary purpose of those walls was not for fences, but to clear the land.

They had no iron and steel machinery, steam shovels and bulldozers. They had only a few oxen, but they had iron men with nerves and sinews of steel, and with indomitable characters. They fought and won—that we might have this God-given heritage.

“Our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

That they are “created equal”—not that they are equal—that none shall be slaves.

Liberty is the greatest blessing on earth.

Liberty like wealth is obtained at high cost.

Liberty like wealth is easier to obtain than it is to retain. It requires constant and perpetual diligence and vigilance.

“That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

“America shall not perish but endure while the spirit of our fathers animates the sons.”

America is the only country where the people have the privilege of a secret ballot and can choose their governmental officers, as we do.

Yet, at every election, hundreds of thousands of our eligible voters of the better class do not exercise that privilege. And tens of thousands more register, but do not Vote.

We are proud of our ancestors and of the sacrifices that they made, that we might have a voice in the government of our country through the privilege of the ballot.

But—more important—would our ancestors be proud of us when we do not exercise that privilege, for which they suffered and died?

The first thing that our foreign-born citizens do after they obtain their citizenship, is to register, so that they can exercise their privilege of voting. They are increasing by leaps and bounds.

When we elect good officers; they usually appoint good men.

The trend today seems to be toward appeasers, rather than toward men of indomitable characters.

Appeasement is the opposite of blackmail, but it is equally despicable.

Karl Marx said: “The one thing that can destroy a democracy is taxes, taxes, and more taxes.”

## FAREWELL ADDRESS

155 years ago—September 19, 1796—when George Washington retired from the Presidency, he issued his Farewell Address, giving strong warnings against permanent alliance with foreign powers; against partiality toward a favorite nation; against a big public debt; against a large military establishment; and against devices of a “small, artful, enterprising minority” to control or change our government; and praised reciprocal checks of our Constitution; stressed need of enlightened public opinion; and declared “religion and morality lead to political prosperity.”

Is not President Washington's farsighted statesmanship needed as much, if not more today, than it was then?



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# The Knapp Family Association of America

*Descendants of* NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER *and* AARON KNAPP

## BULLETIN

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Editor, Herbert K. Clinch, 114 West 16th St., New York 11

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the past year I have had many interesting contacts with KNAPP descendants. IT PAYS TO PUBLICIZE our organization. From a brief announcement in the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine of November 1951, I have received several inquiries. Several have asked for genealogical data. If and when a KNAPP descendant joins our Association, any information we have concerning our ancestors is available to him as a member. It is impossible for our genealogist to make researches for non-members.

Note this letter from Mrs. Alice B. Steuart, Denver, Colorado: "I was much pleased with the October 1951 Bulletin, because the purport of its message was so very sensible and helpful . . . I have tried to interest two friends who are KNAPP descendants."

And a letter from Mrs. Sarah H. Smith, Rapid City, South Dakota: "it is nice of you to personally contact the members of the KNAPP FAMILY ASSOCIATION. I am anxiously waiting for the history of the KNAPPS."

In regard to the "history of the Knapps" referred to, we regret very much that "The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy" has been delayed. The delay of the publisher is beyond our control and causes us great embarrassment and disappointment.

A most interesting letter came from Mrs. Carrie J. Hoffman, Bloomsbury, N. J.: "Thank you for your letter with enclosures (Bulletin and application cards). You may be gratified to know your Family Association officers are 'on the beam' with their correspondence. I forwarded a check to Mr. Clinch for a life membership. A very nice note came from him welcoming me into the Association, and two days later the membership card arrived from Mrs. Gregory." Such promptness on the part of our officers is very gratifying.

Have you written that letter to your cousin, sister, brother? I have written several. I received a reply from Rev. Henry H. Rowland, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. He gave me valuable data for six other letters which I wrote encouraging them to join our Association. Very much by coincidence, I learned of Knapp Brothers, 70 Bellevue Avenue, Brockton, Mass. I wrote them and had a very interesting reply. It is the "constant dripping" that wears away the rock of indifference. We have members in 34 States and Canada as a nucleus from which to work. We have two members in Texas. Carl M. Knapp, Houston, inquired the name of the other member so he could contact him. On December 1, 1951, Mr. Joseph Summers, a member, Morgantown, West Virginia, called on me. We had a splendid visit which resulted in my securing the names of several KNAPP descendants to whom I wrote.

It is the fond hope of your president and your officers that we have the pleasure of meeting each and every one of you at our annual meeting June 21st. Please do not disappoint us. If possible, make this your annual trip to New York and enjoy the Association meeting with kindred souls. Make your reservations promptly in response to Mr. Clinch's letter to you early in June.

There is one more suggestion I wish to make. Please, will each one of you in your own locality take it upon yourself to have local KNAPP gatherings at some convenient place? Follow them with stories in your local newspapers. You will be surprised how many "cousins" you may discover, and incidentally, add new and interesting members to our membership. Please send copies of all local publicity to our secretary Mr. Clinch, and if you have a spare copy, send one to your president.

HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS DO YOU HAVE?????

Very sincerely yours,

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(Mrs. C. E. Carothers)





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### THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Meeting and Luncheon will be held June 21, 1952 at the Town Hall Club, 123 West 43rd St., New York. The arrangements were made by a member of the Club, one of our Vice-Presidents Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson. The Club is a most hospitable retreat. Take the elevator to the second floor, check your coat, sit down and relax.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson will speak on the "Romance of Ancestry Hunting"—you will enjoy it. Also, every one is requested to tell an anecdote about one of his ancestors.

Letters and suggestions will be read from Members who are unable to attend the Meeting.

You are cordially urged to bring members of your family and friends as your guests.

A notice of the meeting and reservation requests for the luncheon will be sent to you later. The luncheon will be \$2.50 including gratuities and taxes.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new members:

## Life Members

Mrs. Helen W. Drendel	Covina, California
Mrs. Carrie J. Hoffman	Bloomsbury, N. J.
Ralph R. Knapp	Seattle, Washington
Miss Vesta V. Knapp	Hardwick, Vermont
Dr. William L. Knapp	Wyandotte, Michigan

## Annual Members

Mrs. Harriet W. Cardon	St. George, Utah
Mrs. Margaret P. Clare	Long Beach, Calif.
Mrs. Helen D. Forster	Bloomfield, N. J.
Albert H. P. Houser	Minneapolis, Minn.
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Mrs. Nora H. Lund	Paragonah, Utah
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## IN MEMORIAM

With a deep regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

**Mrs. Jack M. Evans** died Sept. 13, 1951 — Joined June 1938. Daughter of our Life Member Mrs. Robert C. Buttolph and Granddaughter of our late Vice President Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidavere.

**H. E. Judd** died December 1951 — Joined April 19, 1940 — Life Member

**Miss Alida M. Purdy** died October 1951 — Joined Sept. 4, 1936 — Life Member

**Philip M. Smith** died May 24, 1951 — Joined Jan. 14, 1937

**Mrs. Burt A. Turner** died December 1951 — Joined Oct. 14, 1936

**Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidavere** died Dec. 12, 1951 — Joined Oct. 23, 1936 — Life Member. She was a Charter Member, and one of our Vice Presidents at the time of her death, and although 85 was one of our most enthusiastic and interested Members, having brought many members into our Association. She was the Founder and Honorary Regent, and the Organizing Regent of the Knapp Chapter, N.S.D.A.R. Pelham, N. Y., which was named for the 150 members of the Knapp family who fought in the Revolutionary War. She was a member of many patriotic societies.

The John Jay Chapter, N.S.D.A.R. New York, dedicated a Memorial to Mrs. Dixon Q. Brown, Nov. 4, 1951. Mrs. Brown was a Past Regent of the John Jay Chapter. She died March 5, 1951. She was a Charter Member, a Life Member and past Treasurer of our Association.



## ARE WE WORTHY OF OUR HERITAGE?

"I shall continue to fight against that greatest scourge of mankind, Communism, as long as God gives me the power to fight." —General Douglas MacArthur, 1951.

"That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." —Abraham Lincoln, 1862.

"Beware of the devices of a small, artful, enterprising minority to control or change our government." —George Washington, 1796.

**America can be destroyed — not by enemies without, but by enemies within.**

Liberty requires constant and perpetual diligence and vigilance.

"Those people who are not governed by God will be ruled by tyrants."

—William Penn.

"This Republic was founded and preserved by men and women who frankly acknowledged themselves dependent on God. Ours is a nation founded on belief in God and if we forget that, we lose the secret of freedom."

—Robert Hillyer.

This Communist threat to our Country is not new. But we kept it under control until 1933, when it was allowed to be rampant, and since then it has been allowed to spread like wildfire. It is awful! But the awfulness is no more what our enemy is doing, than what we are not doing. No enemy was ever eliminated by ignoring him. That is what has encouraged our enemy, these many years.

Never, in the history of our Country did we have so many strikes in our Steel, Munitions, Aeroplane and Shipbuilding Plants, as we had during the Second World War. What chance will our Country have in the next war, if the Communists are in control of these Unions?

"Our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." We are now faced with a second great crisis—"testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure."

Karl Marx said: "The one thing that can destroy a Democracy is taxes, taxes and more taxes."

We now have, "taxes, taxes and more taxes."

"Our taxes from 1790 to 1946—156 years, were 248 Billion Dollars."

"Our taxes from 1946 to 1952— 6 years, were 260 Billion Dollars"—

118 Million Dollars per Day or \$1,374.00 per Second—and we have a DEFICIT.

Our National Debt is 260 Billion Dollars—\$1.22 for every Second since the year ONE.

"Some indeed among us are not so much grieved for the present State of our Affairs, as apprehensive for the future. They observe, that no Revenue is sufficient without Economy, and that the most plentiful Income of a whole People from the natural Productions of their Country may be dissipated in vain and needless Expenses, and Poverty be introduced in the place of Affluence." —Benjamin Franklin, 1780.

Our forefathers fought and suffered and died that we might have our God-given heritage. And that we might have a voice in our Government through the ballot.

When we can arouse our American-Americans from their lethargy and apathy, and get them to Vote, we may again control this situation.

"In 1948, out of 92 million voters only 49 million voted—53%."

"At Britain's last election 85% voted." And we are a Republic!

Our enemies never fail to vote.

When we take a serious interest in our peril, Vote, and get others to Vote, then, we can revere the memory of our ancestors without shame.

## NOTICE

"February 11, 1952 The Executive Committee appointed Miss Mary L. Knapp of Winter Park, Florida, Vice-

President, to serve for the unexpired term of our Vice-President Mrs. Nellie Bird Vidavere, who died Dec. 12, 1951."





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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### GREETINGS TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

The highlight of our Association is the annual luncheon-meeting in June, when we are privileged to come together to revere our ancestral heritage and to have a common interest in each other.

The meeting last June was inspirational. Unexpected contacts were made. The business of the organization was conducted, an interesting program presented, and farewells were said with the Mizpah benediction. As each went to his or her home a feeling of gratitude—went with us that we had been instruments of good will and reverence.

My cousins, Mrs. Donald Rowles, her son Charles G. Rowles, and her granddaughter Miss Terrie O. Rowles, all of Challis, Idaho, traveled the farthest, 2800 miles, to be present at our meeting. We are favored with a personal message from Mrs. Rowles in this Bulletin.

Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, our genealogist and author of "The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy," and his daughter Miss Mary L. Knapp, one of our vice-presidents, came from Winter Park, Florida. Other members and guests came from far and near.

One of our vice-presidents, Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, who is a professional genealogist, gave a very interesting talk entitled "The Romance of Ancestor Hunting." Taking the tree as the oldest emblem of continuity, she developed a logical and inspiring theme, including methods, purposes, advantages, and appreciation of the genealogical processes. Her address was filled with gay humor and greatly enjoyed. It was our gain and a definite loss to those who were not present. Our treasurer Mrs. Heathe Gregory is chairman of a program committee planning for your entertainment next June.

Each one of us can reach out for KNAPP contacts. While visiting my daughter in Hatfield, Penna., I found fourteen KNAPPS in the telephone directory. One, Miss Florence Knapp, is a member of our Association. I have written the others enclosing the April Bulletin and an application card. Local publicity is also an important medium for interesting new members.

Our next annual meeting will be held June 20, 1953 in New York. We most cordially invite and urge all members to come and bring guests; for "The human soul is like a bird that is born in a cage. Nothing can deprive it of its natural longings, or obliterate the mysterious remembrance of its heritage." It is stimulating to break bread together and commune in the afterglow of our ancestors which incorporates so inherently the fundamental ideals of our nation.

Awards will be made at the 1953 meeting, as stated in my personal letter to members Dec. 1, 1951: To each member who will bring in four (4) or more new members between now and June 1953, I promise to pay one year's dues, to Life Members the sum of Two (2) Dollars.

I am writing this message on Labor Day. What could be more appropriate; for any work we do for our Association is a labor of love for our ancestry, our descendants and our Country?

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The Meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by President Mrs. Carothers of Washington, Penna.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$261.82 were read and accepted.

Mrs. Flora K. Dickinson spoke on the "Romance of Ancestor Hunting" which was very enlightening and greatly enjoyed.

Letters of regret were read from —  
Dallas W. Knapp of Coffeyville, Kas.  
Mrs. Lucy K. O'Neal of Philippi, West Va.  
Miss Vesta V. Knapp of Hardwich, Vt.

Miss Knapp enclosed in her letter a manuscript of some 45 typewritten pages of her first draft of "Descendants of Paul Knapp," born 1742, Taunton, Mass. This is a valuable contribution to our genealogical records. Such interest, determination and ability are a credit to our ancestors and to our Association.

### STATE HONOR FOR OUR TREASURER

Mrs. Heathe Gregory was elected "First Vice-President, New Jersey State Society United States Daughters of 1812."

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### KNAPP COAT OF ARMS

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Mr. Ralph R. Knapp, our Life Member of Seattle, Wash., wrote to three cousins in New York and suggested that they attend our Annual Luncheon and Meeting June 21st.

They did, and after the Meeting they said they had enjoyed it, and particularly meeting so many new cousins. One joined as a Life Member, the other two took out three Annual Memberships, one for a brother in Canada. They bought four Knapp Coats of Arms. They had not known that there was a Knapp Family Association of America.

Previously, some one had handed Mr. Knapp an Application for Membership in our Association that was ten years old. Through that he was able to contact us in New York, and thirty days later he was a Life Member and a subscriber to the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy. All of this happened within seven months, and from the extreme corners of our Country.

There are thousands of Knapp descendants who would be happy to join our Association if someone would tell them about it. **WHY DON'T WE?** We all have relatives, and many of them no longer bear the name of Knapp, but they are still Knapp descendants. You may be the only one that knows them to be such.

In each of the last six issues of the Bulletin, covering the last three years, the editor has had printed, "**We would be pleased to send a Bulletin to prospective members.**" To which, fifteen Members have sent him thirty names of prospective members, in three years.

The Knapp Family is one of the large families in this country and the Knapp Family Association should be one of the large family associations.

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We need more of "the spirit of our fathers" which caused them to play such an important part in the building of our Country, thereby leaving us our God-given heritage of which we are so proud. The responsibility of preserving that heritage rests heavily upon Family, Patriotic and Religious Organizations.

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Dear Mr. Clinch and Members:

A 10,000 mile trip to see old and new acquaintances is a delightful and happy experience for any one. And so it was for me, as many years had passed since I had left Idaho to visit the land of my youth in Pennsylvania and many other parts of the East.

Thus, the months of May and June were filled with many pleasant meetings and joyful gatherings. The climax of these occasions was the assembling of Members of The Knapp Family Association June 21st in New York. It will always be a thrilling memory for me to recall the faces and words of the people gathered there. And just think, the majority of those people were cousins whom I had never seen before! It was a short, but wonderful chat that I had with our honorable president Mrs. Carothers, a cousin, with whom I had visited many times when we were young girls. Surely that was a grand day for my son Charles, my granddaughter Terrie and myself. We are glad that we are all members of the Association, and we all hope to attend another meeting.

I would add that every relative should plan to attend at least one meeting of the Association some time in the near future. From my viewpoint, the result is worth any effort put forth.

Sincerely yours,

Florence G. Rowles  
(Mrs. Donald Rowles)

Challis, Idaho

Dear Mr. Clinch:

May, 1952

I have just returned from the Armed Services Day parade, where the "Gold Star Mothers" were the honored guests. It occurs to me that when people lining the streets see us, the "Gold Star Mothers," they should realize what war means.

Some women were weeping as we passed. They probably have sons in Korea today.

We are but links in the chain from past to future. ....

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### "NEW FRUIT FROM OLD TREES"

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I realized that it was time to write an April message to you, I could not think of a thing to say. But, as I communed with my KNAPP ancestors, ideas began to beg to be expressed.

First, do you recall the flyer enclosed with your last Bulletin. "Are We Worthy of our Heritage?" It was an article written by our Secretary Mr. Clinch, substantiated with pertinent quotations of worthy persons. So, I am wondering if you have done anything personally, nationally, or in community life to make yourself worthy of your heritage. If so, don't be shy; write your president or your secretary and tell us about it. Such letters would make splendid messages to be read at our Annual Meeting June 20th, in New York.

Second, I read an article recently entitled, "What Kind of an Ancestor are You?" It hit me "right between the eyes," so to speak. In other words, what am I doing that will make my progeny proud of me? It isn't that I shall amass a fortune for them to spend, put my name in "Who's Who," or my statue in the "Hall of Fame"; but it is largely how well I do the little things in life, how much I love myself and my neighbor, and what I do NOT do to shame them. What kind of an ancestor are you?

Third, the matter of finances is causing your officers some concern. We cannot have rummage sales to supplement our dues, so, will you please concentrate on getting new members, send in your dues promptly that none will have to be dropped, and so that our Treasurer can make a good report at our Annual Meeting, and, out of the bigness of your ancestral heart, make a good-will contribution to the Association? I assure you it will be appreciated. How many of you "dollar-a-year" members are willing to pay \$2.00 annual dues? Mrs. Frank Holbert has been doing it for years. Let your treasurer, Mrs. Gregory, hear from you.

Fourth, a nominating committee, chairman Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, 489 Fifth Ave., New York, 17, has been appointed to prepare a slate of officers to be elected at the June Meeting. If any of you aspire to any one of the offices, or wish to suggest a candidate, please write to Mrs. Dickinson.

Fifth, Harry W. Newman, a Washington genealogist, states in "Pathfinder" Jan. 21, 1953, "Ancestor hunting is fascinating work. I've been disillusioned by most of my clients. They don't care what their ancestors did; all they want is proof that will get them into one of the hereditary societies." The article states, "Don't be surprised to find some black sheep (in your ancestry). Genealogists assert that no family has hereditary traits strong enough to guarantee it a lily-white record." After all, it is the unconventional that puts spice into our ancestry.

Sixth, awards will be made at the June Meeting to those that have brought in four or more new members since June, 1951. Winners so far are: Mrs. Donald Rowles, Challis, Idaho; Mrs. Cecile M. Keister, New York, N. Y.; Mr. Ralph R. Knapp, Seattle, Wash.; Mr. Robert J. Gilliland, Amherst, Ohio. Are you a winner?

And finally, I should like very much to meet and greet every Member in New York next June. The time and place are announced herein, so that you can make your plans and reservations. Ruskin, of "better mousetrap" fame, has said, "Consider whether we ought not to be more in the habit of seeking honor from our descendants than from our ancestors; thinking it better to be nobly remembered than nobly born."

Most sincerely yours,

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The Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., elsewhere.

Luncheon will be served promptly at 12 noon, and will be followed by the Annual Meeting.

Members are requested to tell an anecdote about an ancestor.

"I have ever had a pleasure in obtaining any little anecdotes of my ancestors."

Benj. Franklin

Members that are unable to attend our Meeting are requested to write us letters and suggestions which will be read at the Meeting.

Members will have plenty of time after the Meeting, to commune with old and new cousins and friends, who will have a badge for identification.

You are cordially urged to bring members of your family and friends as your guests.

A notice of the Meeting and Reservation Requests for the Luncheon will be sent to you later, but please note the date now. The Luncheon will be \$2.50 including tips and taxes.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Heathe Gregory, is going to Washington in April, as First Vice-President New Jersey State Society, to attend the 61st Associate Council of the National Society U.S. Daughters of 1812. She will present gifts from New Jersey Chapters to the National Headquarters.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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### Life Members

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Mrs. Vera C. Deans	Glen Oaks, L. I., N. Y.
Mrs. Alberta K. Graf	Darien, Conn.
Mrs. Grace O. Gurr	Parowan, Utah
Henry Johnson Jr.	Wake Island, U.S.A.
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Miss Nellie A. Gilliland	Linesville, Penna.
Robert J. Gilliland	Amherst, Ohio
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Mrs. Doris K. White	No. Arlington, N. J.

### Transferred to Life Membership

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## IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

**Henry B. Betts** died March 4, 1953 — Joined October 1936.

He had been seriously ill since December 1950. He contributed much to the Knapp records of our Association, and was one of our most interested, useful, and productive Members.

**Mrs. Dwight P. Child** died February 3, 1953 — Joined March 1943.

**Miss Lulu A. Lawrence** died January 28, 1953 — Joined June 1937.

She was a former Assistant Treasurer of our Association. Both she and her Mother were faithful attendants at our Annual Luncheon-Meetings. They suggested many eligible members.

**Henry T. McDonald** died November 1951 — Joined April 1946.

**Mrs. Millicent G. Morison** died October 8, 1952 — Joined February 1938.





## THE PRAYER

of President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
before his Inaugural Address, 1953

"My friends: Before I begin the expression of those thoughts that I deem appropriate to this moment, would you permit me the privilege of uttering a little private prayer of my own, and I ask that you bow your heads. Amen.

"Almighty God, as we stand here, at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the government join me in beseeching that Thou will make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere.

"Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our works and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

"Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race or calling. May co-operation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory. Amen."

## OUR NATIONAL DEBT

by Thomas Jefferson

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude.

"If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labors and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy.

"The same prudence, which in private life would forbid our paying our money for unexplained objects, forbids it in the disposition of public money."

## K. F. A. GOES TO WAKE ISLAND

Our newest Member, Henry Johnson Jr., of Wake Island, U.S.A. (residence Manila, P. I.)—a pilot of the Philippine Air Lines, at present flying to Rome and London—certainly is "our most distant cousin." He is a cousin of our Robert J. Gilliland, of Amherst, Ohio. "The spirit of our fathers (still) animates the sons."

After reading in the N.S.D.A.R. Magazine the account by our President, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, of the 1952 K. F. A. Luncheon-Meeting at The Town Hall Club, New York, Mrs. Mary L. Bourque of Pasadena, Calif., decided to try to complete her Knapp lineage. Mrs. Bourque wrote the N.S.D.A.R. to get the address of Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson who spoke at the Meeting on the "Romance of Ancestor Hunting."

We hope soon to be able to welcome Mrs. Bourque and her son into our Association, as their Knapp lineage has now been traced back to Nicholas, through Lucinda Knapp, who married Ebenezer Larabee. (Who were his parents?) Lucinda was the daughter of Jacob Knapp and his first wife, Lucinda Mayhew of McKean, Pa. (Contributed)

Mrs. Carle A. Forster's eldest son's wife, presented her with an 8lb grandson recently.

## QUERY

What was the ancestry of Benjamin Knapp, Revolutionary soldier, enlisted at New Fairfield, Conn. 1780-83? (He may be the same Benjamin Knapp listed in 1790 census of Leister Twp., Addison Co., Vt.) He applied for pension 1818, Ontario Co., N. Y., giving Lima, N. Y., as his place of residence. Benjamin Knapp married Hannah (Lee) Moses, Sept. 29, 1811. Pension application mentions a daughter of Benjamin Knapp, b. 1795, living at home. Who was Benjamin Knapp's wife, the mother of his children? (Contributed)

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Fellow Members Of The Knapp Family Association Of America:

I would like to take this opportunity to greet each and everyone of you, as your new President, and to ask you to assist me in every way you can. We are all members of one big family—The Knapp Family—and perhaps a good motto would be "One for all—All for one." Since the 1600's when the early settlers—including our immigrant ancestors—started building our Country, they were inspired by this motto, either consciously or unconsciously. That is why they were able to repulse interference, and to establish our great Country.

We are spread over a large territory—every State of the Union and parts of Canada—and I know it is not possible for all of us to attend the Annual Meetings in New York. It has been suggested that we have in-between get-togethers in the Cities and Towns in which we live. One of the "Objects" of our Association is "to encourage sociability and promote friendships among our Members." Many lasting friendships have arisen from Members meeting at our Reunions. If this idea of local meetings appeals to you please let me have your suggestions regarding it.

To maintain our Association we must have new members for replacements and progress, and I think we should make a concerted effort to impress upon our young people the importance of their heritage, and that there is romance in tracing one's ancestry. It costs only \$1.00 a year for those under 18 years of age to become a member.

I shall look forward to receiving your letters and your suggestions as to how we can make our meetings more interesting and how we can increase our membership. I would like to see more of our Canadian "cousins" become members of this "Family" of ours.

Some of us in New York would like to get together for luncheon some Saturday in January. Wouldn't you like to join us? Then will you please contact our Secretary so that he can make arrangements, as he cannot contact you.

In the future our Annual Meetings will be held in September. June in New York is just too hot, as substantiated by members from Florida, Texas, Kansas and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Alberta Knapp Graf has invited us to have our September 1954 Luncheon and Meeting at her home, "Shining Shadows," Darien, Conn. This is a delightful spot and I am sure that we shall have a very enjoyable time. Let's make it an outstanding Meeting with lots of new members.

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The Meeting following the Luncheon was called to order by Vice President Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson of New York, in the absence of President Mrs. C. E. Carothers of Washington, Penna. who was unable to be present.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$262.00 were read and accepted.

Our Treasurer requested that Members please pay their dues promptly, as it costs 11c to send out two bills, and in some cases to collect \$1.00 dues.

It was moved and carried, that the Secretary write to our retiring President Mrs. Carothers, expressing our appreciation of her fine administration.

The other important business was the election of officers for a two year term.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. Knapp for his untiring efforts over the years, that made the publication of "The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy" possible.

Letters of regret were read from—Robert J. Gilliland, Charles T. Macdonald, Dallas W. Knapp, Mrs. Mildred G. Newman, Miss Florence Knapp and Joseph W. Summers.

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As the cost of the book far exceeds the selling price, no free copies will be distributed to libraries or others.

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Will persons who have not received their original photographs that were reproduced in the Genealogy, please send their correct addresses to Dr. A. A. Knapp?

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## MISS LENA CECIL KNAPP

Miss Knapp joined our Association November 5, 1936, two months after its organization, and has always been an interested Member.

In January 1940 she went to Korea on a three year assignment at The Methodist Theological Seminary. In July 1940 Japan ordered them to evacuate, but she did not leave until December.

In April 1941, she was transferred to The Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, which is the only Protestant Theological Seminary on a University level in South America. She was Dean of Women and Professor of Christian Education. She has her Masters Degree in Education from Yale University.

In 1946 she came home on furlough and had a speaking schedule on behalf of the "Missions Board" that caused her to sleep in 86 different beds in eight months.

She came home permanently in April 1953 and is now Associate Treasurer of the "Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief" at the Methodist Building on Fifth Avenue, New York.

Miss Knapp is very happy to be back in our Association, and hopes to be able to take an active part in it.

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## OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ALFRED AVERILL KNAPP

Charles Ruggles Knapp, Henry Eno Knapp, Ezra Fred Knapp and Dr. Alfred Averill Knapp each spent practically a lifetime—over two hundred years combined—searching for and recording data on the Knapp Family.

Upon the demise of Ezra Fred Knapp his records were combined with the voluminous records of Dr. Knapp who assumed the tremendous task of integrating all of these records for posterity.

Repeated appeals in the Bulletins for ten years, "for Members to send their correct family records to Dr. Knapp," brought meager results.

When all efforts to devise ways and means to finance the publication of "The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy" failed, Dr. Knapp decided to finance and publish the book personally—which cost far exceeds the selling price—rather than risk having the voluminous records collected by his fellow genealogists and himself (at personal expenses of tens of thousands of dollars and fifty years of labor) lost to posterity because they were not published in a book, as many other invaluable genealogies, that can never be duplicated, have been lost for all time.

Dr. Knapp has also descendants of William, Roger and Aaron Knapp—the other immigrant ancestors of our Association—all typed and in ring binders. They cover some 3,000 descendants. Dr. Knapp is willing to furnish these records to any person or group of persons willing to finance and publish these genealogies in one volume, thereby completing our "Knapp Family Genealogy."

Dr. Knapp's determination and perseverance overcame the many difficulties that beset him during the past four years including the day that he received the books from the publisher and loaded them into his car to mail them in the post office, to find that the United States Post Office was closed—Wednesday afternoons.

Compiling, publishing and proof-reading a genealogy of 18,000 names is a stupendous task beyond comprehension.

We owe Dr. Knapp a debt of gratitude that neither we nor our descendants can ever repay, for his having preserved in books—at a great personal sacrifice of energy, time and money—our lineages back to our immigrant ancestor, Nicholas Knapp, for the benefit of posterity.

His spirit is evidence that—

"America shall not perish but endure

While the spirit of our fathers animates the sons."

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## MRS. C. E. CAROTHERS

Our retiring President, Mrs. C. E. Carothers (who felt unable to accept renomination) stimulated interest in our Association and has earned our hearty appreciation of her successful efforts in increasing our membership and in swelling our bank balance, and for the publicity that she has given our Association in so many ways; the results of which we are already enjoying, but they will have to be computed in the future.

It is a long trip from Washington, Penna., to New York to attend our meetings, and her assurance that her interest in the Association will not wane is very gratifying to her many friends.

Our Association offers Mrs. Carothers its sincere appreciation and hearty thanks for the great effort she applied to her successful administration.

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"The belief that security can be obtained by throwing a small state to the wolves is a fatal delusion."

—Sir Winston Churchill, 1938





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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members:

Time has "winged its way" and once more it is my privilege and pleasure to greet you. How I wish it were possible this wonderful spring day to drop in on each one of you and have a little neighborly chat. Lots of fun is poked at women talking over the back fence (but I believe this is not confined to women!) and I am inclined to the opinion that it is a good institution, if it may be termed that. It would be nice if our "Family" were not scattered over such a wide territory, and we could meet often and chat as neighbors, and be friends as well as Knapp descendants. That is why, in the last Bulletin I stressed in my talk with you the importance of other get-togethers in your cities and towns. Such a meeting took place quite recently here in New York, when several of us got together for luncheon, which was very pleasant. I hope that there will be many more such gatherings in the future, not only in the vicinity of New York, but in various parts of the United States and Canada.

Speaking of Canada, we have a new member from our neighboring country to the North, and I want to take this opportunity to officially welcome Mrs. Catherine Llewellyn of New Brunswick, into our Association. As she comes from my branch of the Knapp family, it gives me particular pleasure to welcome her, and to hope that others of our Canadian cousins will follow her. I have been absent from my native land for many years, but I still get a thrill when I see the Union Jack waving in the breeze. I hope that at our Meeting, September 18, 1954, we may have the pleasure of welcoming many of our Knapp family from "across the border."

As you know, our September Luncheon and Meeting will be very unusual, as our Mrs. Alberta Knapp Graf has invited us to be her guests at her home in Darien, Connecticut. Alberta is my first cousin, and the fact that we will be in her home, "Shining Shadows," for our Meeting makes it doubly nice for me, as it will be the first time that I shall preside as your President. I am looking forward to greeting many members of our "Family" at that time, and seeing many new faces. Come if you possibly can, but if you can't be with us, write a letter to Mr. Clinch or me to be read at the Meeting, so that we shall know that you are with us in spirit.

May I suggest that you keep your eyes and ears open for Knapps in your city or town; perhaps a glance through your telephone directory may disclose that there are one or more in your immediate vicinity who may not know that we are banded together in a nationwide Association.

And, finally, dear Members, keep the thought of our "Family" ever before you, write me suggestions for improving our Association, for procuring new members and as to how we can make our Association a more vital force.

Most of all, be with us if you possibly can, and keep the date of our September Meeting before you as it is five months hence.

Let us make this a memorable gathering of the Knapp Clan!

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Knapp



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## THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. Alberta Knapp Graf will be our hostess for the Luncheon and Meeting, September 18, 1954, at her home "Shining Shadows," 169R West Norwalk Road, Darien, Conn.

The train leaves Grand Central Station at 11:35 a.m., on the New Haven Railroad, arriving at Darien at 12:31 p.m. The Round Trip Fare is \$2.64. We will be met at Darien, with cars.

You and members of your family and friends are cordially invited.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held before the Luncheon.

A notice of the Luncheon and Meeting, and a request for your acceptance will be sent later, covering all details.

Please note the date now.

### QUERY

Want the parents and other information of David Knapp, b. Apr. 6, 1816, probably Kings Ferry, N. Y., m. 1842 Abigail Rosanna Bradt, b. Mar. 23, 1816, same place. They moved to Crawford Co., Pa., about 1849. She probably had brothers Solomon and Abram.

The first issue of our Bulletin, March 1937, contained an appeal for "Members to send their correct family records to our Genealogist," which was repeated for ten years. The results were meager, either because of indifference or lack of knowledge. Now, some are reflected in the Genealogy, causing criticism. If you send your correct records to Dr. Knapp now, they can be rectified in the future. It isn't fair to your descendants not to have your records as perfect as possible.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new members:

### Life Members

Mrs. Mary L. Bourque	Pasadena, Calif.
Mrs. William C. Janz	Peru, Illinois
Leonard W. Knapp	Pelham, N. Y.
Rosco C. Knapp	Los Angeles, Calif.
Kenneth B. Milton	Pasadena, Calif.
Mrs. Helen H. Wilkinson	Gates Mills, Ohio

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Ernest O. Knapp	Severn, Maryland
Miss Lena C. Knapp	New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Richard B. Llewellyn	New Brunswick, Canada
Mrs. Frances K. Patterson	Hyde Park, N. Y.
Mrs. Philip S. Watters	New York, N. Y.

### Transferred to Life Membership

Mrs. James White II	Miami, Florida
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## OUR CUSTODIAN

Mrs. George A. Kuhner — is also the Curator General of The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has charge of the beautiful D.A.R. Museum and the twenty-eight State Rooms in Washington. She finds her work fascinating as the study of antiques has been one of her hobbies for many years, and being surrounded by these many beautiful specimens delights her.

As a Member of the Executive Committee (Cabinet) she has to travel to Washington five or more times each year. She has visited State Conferences in Tennessee, Kentucky, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, and New York. She is often called upon to speak at Chapter Meetings and State Conferences about her work. She is a very capable and well liked person, as all who know her will attest, and is a great credit to our Association.

## IN MEMORIAM

With sincere regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

Mrs. Lucilla K. Cormerais died March 24, 1953 — Joined October 1936

Mrs. Esther A. Ford died 1953 — Joined October 1939

Horatio Ford died November 1952 — Joined December 1938

James B. Gilliland died June 9, 1953 — Joined April 1953

Zadok K. Judd died March 9, 1952, age 97 — Joined April 1939

Elmer L. Knapp died 1952 — Joined January 1938

Dr. Hubert C. Knapp died December 31, 1951 — Joined August 1937

Alvin L. Woodin died November 24, 1953 — Joined January 1941

We would be pleased to send a Bulletin to prospective members.

If your name or address is incorrect, kindly advise the editor.



## THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY IS PUBLISHED

It is a large book, 8½ x 11 inches, of over 900 pages, double column. It is clearly printed on a nonglare paper estimated to last 100 years. It is substantially bound in dark green cloth with gold lettering.

It contains some 18,000 names — 12,000 Knapp descendants traced as fully as it is now possible back to their immigrant ancestor, Nicholas Knapp, who came to Watertown, Mass., in 1630, and about 6,000 individuals in related families.

It is completely and unusually well indexed.

The frontispiece is a full page Knapp Coat of Arms in six colors, and is a work of art.

The appendix lists some 200 Knapps who served in the Revolutionary War. This is in addition to many others recorded in the text who served in the Colonial, Civil and other Wars.

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## A MESSAGE FROM ALFRED A. KNAPP, M.D.

I wish to thank all who have subscribed to the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy, and to thank those who have sent the many letters of commendation and appreciation of the prodigious tasks of compiling and publishing it. I am glad that all the records we have accumulated are now in form for permanent preservation, as it would have been a tragedy to have lost them.

Few corrections of the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy have been sent in, which is very disappointing. Several family lines have been extended and brought down to the present time. I hope to issue a Supplement covering errors and omissions — when enough have been reported to make it worth while — and to send it to all subscribers of the Genealogy. We shall adhere to our rule and not carry the children of Knapp daughters beyond one generation as they are not Knapps, and they belong in a different family genealogy.

Now, I am typing some 20,000 additional Knapp names — accumulated over the past 50 years by Ezra Fred Knapp and myself — that we could not connect with descendants of our four immigrant ancestors. Many of these names can now be connected with our present family records, and many more I believe, belong to our lines. Some have families of 100 or more individuals, which, if they could be attached, would add considerably to our knowledge of our family trees. Many other names belong to German or other families. These 20,000 additional names, arranged alphabetically, will be deposited in The New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, Boston, and in The Newberry Library, Chicago, where they will be available for reference.

Since finishing the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy, I have typed all the records that I have covering some 900 descendants of William — 360 descendants of Roger and 2500 descendants of Aaron Knapp. These should prove to be foundations or starting points for complete and satisfactory genealogies. I am willing to furnish these records to any person or group of persons willing to finance and publish these genealogies in one volume, thereby completing our "Knapp Family Genealogy." Ultimately, I plan to place a typed copy of these genealogies in the above libraries, where they will be available to descendants who can carry on the work we have begun.



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To those of you who were not present at our Luncheon-Meeting at Darien, Connecticut, September 18th, let me say how much we missed you and how much you missed. It was a most enjoyable occasion; in fact, some "old timers" said it was the best meeting we've ever had! Before our next get-together, I shall have to do some reviewing of parliamentary procedure, but I am sure everyone present made allowance knowing I am not a clubwoman and that it was my initial experience in presiding at such a meeting. I hope to do better next time.

Since our meeting, I received a most interesting letter from our member, Mr. William A. Knapp of Kansas City. He writes of his trip abroad. He and Mrs. Knapp left Kansas City on January 12th. They embarked from New York and arrived in Barcelona, Spain on February 2nd. They took their car with them and travelled all of Continental Europe outside of the Red Curtain — (also Vienna but not Berlin), the Scandinavian countries, the British Isles and Eire. They drove 24,000 miles (he doing most of the driving), and experienced but little difficulty because of the narrow roads. They hired an interpreter to read signs and do the talking. In Scandinavia and England they hired a chauffeur, but this was not so satisfactory to Mrs. Knapp, and they found it better for Mr. Knapp to do the driving and to hire an interpreter where necessary. However, Mr. Knapp says, with patience, arm swinging and motions, one could get along without assistance, except possibly in Spain, where they don't seem to comprehend signs and signals, although they probably will in the next few years with our GI's over there.

From Mr. Knapp's letter it would appear the rural accommodations in all of Europe do not compare favorably with what we are accustomed to, and the food is poorly cooked and limited to local usage. He says the hotel rooms were cold, and when heated to 55 or 60 degrees was comfortable to them. Gasoline ranged from 60¢ to 95¢ per Imperial gallon. He said they knew all that before they started and everything considered they had a very enjoyable tour and if they didn't have a lot of other places to go they would do it over again.

To quote Mr. Knapp's closing paragraph: "I have ancestry going straight back to Nicholas Knapp, and I have a lot of names to add to the Knapp Family Tree as soon as I can get to it." He adds that they returned shortly before our September meeting, but he was unable to be present because of the fact that the Annual Meeting of his Company, of which he is Chairman of the Board, took place at that time.

I think it would be a good idea if our members would write us about their interesting trips, so that we could incorporate them in our bulletins. Our membership covers a wide territory and to those of us who are "Stay-at-homes," or are dreaming of that wonderful trip we shall take one of these days, such letters would make interesting reading, and perhaps contain helpful hints, as in Mr. Knapp's letter, of how best to prepare for a trip to a foreign country and to get the most out of it.

Please keep in mind that there is no limit to our membership capacity, the dues are low, and if we want our Family to grow, it is up to each one of us to do his part to see that it does.

Our Luncheon-Meeting will be in June next year. We have found that September is not a good month for many of our members, as there are too many conflicting activities in the fall. We want as many of our members to attend our meetings as can possibly do so. Again, I repeat: We welcome your letters.

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## RE UNWANTED BULLETINS

The Editor would appreciate receiving all issues of the Bulletin previous to October 1945, and the April and October 1952 issues, as his supply is entirely depleted and he has many requests for back issues.

Our Life Member, Comdr. Charles T. Macdonald, U.S.N.R., Vice President District of Columbia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Chairman of The Jefferson Day Committee and Presiding Officer of The Twelfth Annual Celebration of The (211th) Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Jefferson, Washington, D.C., invited our Association to be a Participant with some forty patriotic organizations, April 13, 1954, at which he also represented our Association. We extend our appreciation and hearty thanks to Comdr. Macdonald for this honor and for his having been our representative.

"Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend." —Emerson

"He, who appeases us, is an enemy."

—H. Casey

"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard it and defend it."

—Daniel Webster, 1782-1852

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—Banking

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Mrs. William E. Graf was our gracious hostess at the delicious Luncheon and at our Annual Meeting at her home in Darien, Connecticut, September 18, 1954. Her home, part of which is over one hundred years old, is located amid ten acres of beautiful gardens, lawns, and woods, which reflect her constant care and planning. Her beautiful home and its environment created the atmosphere of a home-coming of the Knapp Family such as the Association has never been able to experience. The consensus of opinion was that the Luncheon and Meeting were among the best that the Association has ever had. The unanimous regret being the way that the time sped. Our sincere appreciation and hearty thanks go forthwith to our gracious hostess. Fifty-four Members and Guests from Seattle, Washington, Winter Park, Florida, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, had the good fortune to attend our Luncheon and Meeting. The Luncheon was served at 1:30 at which our hostess, Mrs. Graf, said a beautiful Grace. The Luncheon was served on the enclosed porch due to the uncertain weather but the Meeting was held on the lawn among the gardens which were later inspected and admired. The Meeting was called to order by President Miss Elsie M. Knapp. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$361.70 were read and accepted. President Miss Knapp asked Dr. Knapp to speak about his genealogical work. He said he was now able to connect many of the 20,000 Unconnected Knapp names with our family records that previously could not be connected. He requested Members to continue to send him corrections and additions to their Knapp lines so that they may be included in the Supplement on which he is working.

The Secretary read letters from the following Members unable to be present: Mrs. C. E. Carothers, Miss Nellie Gilliland, Albert H. P. Houser, Mrs. William C. Janz, Mrs. Cecile M. Keister, Miss Dorothy M. Keister, Dallas W. Knapp, Mrs. Foster H. W. Kynes, Mrs. Richard B. Llewellyn, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Zabriskie.

President Miss Knapp asked Mr. Ralph R. Knapp of Seattle, Wash., who had flown a special trip of 3,000 miles to attend our Meeting, to speak to us. He said he had enjoyed our Luncheon and Meeting and knowing so many new cousins and hoped that he would be able to attend other Reunions with us. He is a real Knapp Genealogist having just published a genealogy "Titus Knapp the Loyalist," a descendant of Nicholas Knapp, for the benefit of his many Knapp relatives who are descended from the Canadian branch of the Knapp Family. Although he is a lawyer by profession, and Vice President of the largest Savings Bank in the state of Washington, he has proved himself to be a genealogist of no mean ability after having dug up and collected the names of several hundred Knapp descendants with very meager records to aid him.

The Darien Review, The Norwalk Hour, and The Stamford Advocate, printed very good articles about our Eighteenth Annual Luncheon-Meeting at Mrs. Graf's home. This resulted in Mrs. Graf receiving several phone calls from persons who read about it in the papers.

Such publicity is invaluable to our Association. The Secretary has received several letters recently from scattered parts of the country stating that they had recently learned that there was such an Association and requesting details.

The Knapp family is one of the large families in this country and there are hundreds of Knapp descendants that would be interested in knowing about our Association if we could reach them. Many of them are in the suburban and rural areas.

"The wheel that squeaks gets the grease." But we are not financially able to produce a nation wide "squeak", so we must depend upon you and me for publicity.

Our good Members, Mrs. Cecile M. Keister and Miss Dorothy M. Keister have deserted New York and are now living in Miami, Florida. Miss Keister is associated with the well established real estate firm of Groner-Youngerman, where she can be located by her "cousins" when there, for a chat or serious advice.

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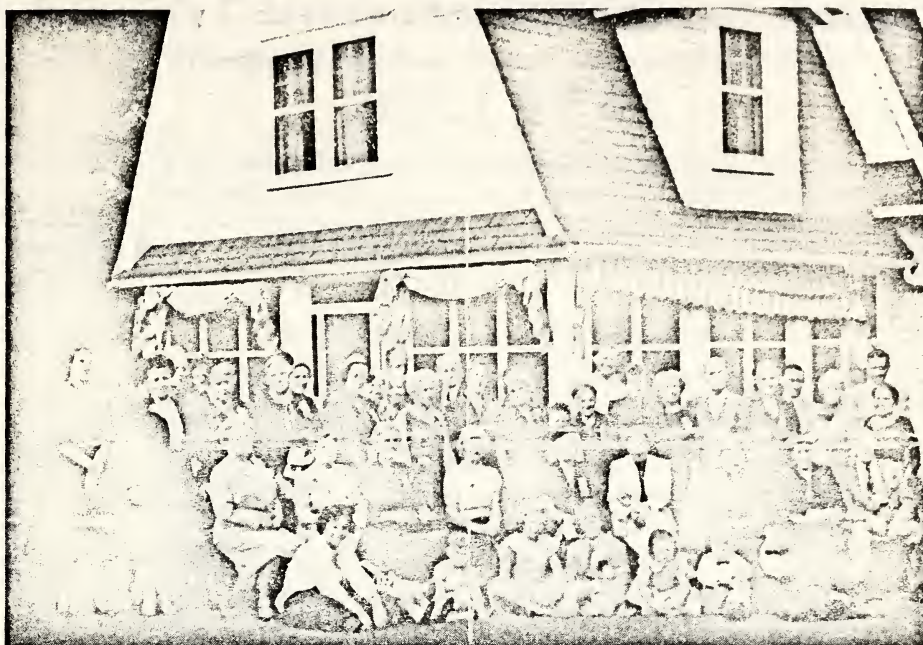
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The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of The Knapp Family Association in America, at the home of Mrs. William E. Graf, Darien, Conn., September 18, 1954. Photographed by Member Leonard W. Knapp.

Standing—from left 5th, Mrs. Gregory, Treas.; 6th, Mrs. Dickinson, V.P.; 8th, Miss Elsie Knapp, Pres.; 13th, H. K. Clinch, Sec'y; from right 3rd, Mrs. Graf, Hostess; 5th, Miss Mary Knapp, V.P.; 6th, Dr. A. A. Knapp, Genealogist; 7th, Mrs. Jordan, Ass't Treas.

## ARE ALL MEN EQUAL?

by Gerald W. Johnson

*"There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents . . ."*—THOMAS JEFFERSON, letter to John Adams, October 28, 1813

No one can understand American democracy until he can understand how these words could have been written by a man who held it a self-evident truth "that all men are created equal." The explanation is that Jefferson knew that virtue and talents are **acquired** characteristics. All men are indeed created equal, but the acquirement of virtue and talents renders some superior to the rest, and to these superior men the administration of education, justice, and public affairs ought to be intrusted.

The man who believes that he was born superior to others is an anti-democratic fool; but the man who does not believe that diligence, intelligence and integrity can **make** him superior to some others is equally a fool. As an American he is also anti-democratic, for America's representative democracy is based on the ability and the will of the people to choose natural aristocrats for their leaders.

Sometimes they fail. Sometimes they choose pseudo-aristocrats, virtuous men without talent, or talented men without virtue; and the failure costs the people dearly. But they have picked the combination, virtue-plus-talent, often enough to keep their Constitution working for 165 years. This is conclusive proof that most of the time they possess that vision without which the people perish.

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### A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with humble industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and many tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be peace and justice at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —George Washington

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members:

Once again, it is my happy privilege to greet each one of you in this letter. I am looking forward to greeting in person, as many Members as can possibly attend our luncheon-meeting June 11th, when we will hold our biennial election of officers. I hope that many of you, who have never been able to attend one of our luncheon-meetings, will be able to be with us this year. We shall do our best to make you welcome and glad that you came. Personally, I find it well rewarding to meet and talk with "cousins" from North, South, East and West.

I have just finished reading a letter from a friend who lives in New Hampshire. She says that their maple trees have been tapped two weeks early this year, that the wild ducks are flying North and waking them in the early morning hours, and that there are other signs that spring is not too far away. It makes one think of vacation, doesn't it? June is usually a very nice time to visit the "Big City."

We Knapps are quite a clan and it would be interesting to be able to approximate the number of descendants of our ancestors scattered throughout the United States and Canada. It would be in the tens of thousands.

If we all would broadcast, by word of mouth and otherwise, the existence of our Family Association, the results of attracting prospective members would be very gratifying, and cause our Association to grow into a large Family.

Please make and keep a date with us for June 11th!

Sincerely yours,

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After the luncheon we will hold our meeting and have our biennial election of officers. We will have a program and every Member is earnestly requested to give a short anecdote of an ancestor.

Messages and suggestions from Members unable to be with us will be appreciated, they will show that you are thinking of us. These will be read at the Meeting and will allow you to take part, though absent.

After the Meeting we will have ample opportunity to visit, which is most important and always enjoyable.

The Executive Meeting of the Board will be held at 11:30 a.m.

A notice of the Meeting and Reservation Requests for the Luncheon will be sent to you later. The Luncheon will be \$2.50 including tips and taxes.

Our Treasurer would appreciate receiving unpaid dues so that she can have a good report for the Annual Meeting.

Appeasement indicates timidity, be it of persons or Nations. Time proves its futility, when self-respect and respect of others suffer.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome our new members:

### Life Members

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Halsey M. Gridley

Challis, Idaho

## WHY DON'T WE?

"From the files, records and proceedings of The Knapp Family Association of America, I learn that the descendants of our Immigrant Ancestors are now domiciled in every State of the Union and every Province of the Dominion of Canada. The fact that through the years our family has known more than ten generations scattered over the face of North America, has naturally resulted in our knowing less and less about each other.

"The Bulletin is a medium which we can all use to learn more about the family members. This can be accomplished if each member will write the Editor when there is a death, a birth, a marriage or some signal honor conferred upon one of our family. This will be mentioned in the Bulletin for the information of all the members, and will help to make the Bulletin more personal, helpful and informative, and more appreciated by the membership as a whole."

Dallas W. Knapp  
(President's Message Oct. 1950)

## OUR EARLY SETTLERS

We have good reasons to be proud of these ancestors. They laid the foundations of our homes, our churches and our government, and are fitly described by the poet who said they were,

"Men whose hands were brown with toil,  
Who backed by no ancestral graves,  
Hewed down the wood and tilled the soil,  
And hereby won a prouder fame  
Than followed a king's or warrior's name."

## IN MEMORIAM

With sincere regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

**Mrs. Samuel T. Hay Sr.** died April 8, 1954 — Joined October 22, 1936

**Albert H. P. Houser** died November 22, 1954 — Joined November 6, 1951

He was an enthusiastic and valuable Member and regretted that he had not been able to attend one of our three luncheon-meetings and to become personally acquainted with our Members, but he had still hoped to.

**Rev. Alvah E. Knapp** died December 24, 1953 — Joined October 13, 1936

**Henry McSweeney** died 1953/4 — Joined January 27, 1937



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April 2nd, the Editor had the pleasure of congratulating our Life Member, Mr. Clarence C. Dickinson on his 92nd birthday. He is still the keen, alert, cordial gentleman that we have always known. "I feel fine, thank you."

Can anyone add any data to the following or make any corrections?

My Grandfather Reuben Enos Knapp was born at Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, Jan. 15, 1819, died Feb. 22, 1895 in Monmouth, Ill.

His Father was Enos and his Father was Nehemiah who was English.

Grandfather's brothers were Isaac, Reuben N., Reuben R., and others. A sister Abbie married Mr. Marlin and lived in Cleveland. Had a son Edd.

Our Great-Grandfather Enos Knapp and his brother, who was a butcher, bought a big tract of land near Schenectady, New York, from the Indians before the Revolutionary War. He and his wife Betsy had a big family of boys. There was Reuben Enos (my ancestor), Isaac, Reuben N., Reuben R., and Abbie. I do not remember any more names.

Isaac lived on the old home farm that had the Indian orchard on it and the rest lived around in that vicinity except my Grandfather who, when he married Susan Purdy, soon lived at Cold Spring, New York. Susan Purdy's father was Joshua and his father was John.

Reuben and Susan had several children —

1st Joshua Legrand	born Sep. 15, 1844
2nd Henry Hulbert	" Sep. 14, 1845
3rd George	" Aug. 1, 1848 died same day
4th Julia	" Sep. 1, 1850
5th Homer	" Aug. 20, 1852 died soon
6th Osmond Baxter	" Nov. 20, 1854
7th Sarah Ann Elizabeth	" May 29, 1857
8th Almira Jaycox	" July 21, 1859
9th Mary K.	" Aug. 10, 1862 died in childhood

The Reuben Knapp family moved from New York to near Monmouth, Ill., in 1860/1.

My Father married as did his brother Osmond and all his sisters. Joshua Legrand grew to manhood. He and my Father served in the Civil War. Joshua Legrand later graduated from West Point, and was a 1st Lieut. in the standing Army at Fort Stevens, Oregon. He was soon to be married to his General's daughter when he was drowned in the Columbia river in 1877.

My Father married, and had a family of twelve children, four boys, three dying in childhood, and one growing to manhood married and had three children, two girls and a boy, all married, and the boy has a boy. My parents had also eight girls who have all married and all but one have children and grandchildren. I can supply all of these names.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

Now that the terrible summer is over and the nice fall days are with us, I hope that all of you have acquired that spring in your step which the crisp autumn days seem to bring. My idea of a really good time is a brisk walk on a clear, cool autumn morning when the air is like champagne—and a huge, second breakfast afterwards! Want to join me one of these mornings? Seriously, though, the fall is the time when we take stock, replenish our depleted stores of energy, gather in the harvest, and batten down for the winter ahead.

I've recently been reading a collection of sayings by famous men and I am going to quote from some of them, thinking that perhaps you would be as interested as I was:

Did you know that J. William Lloyd once said: "If a man has peace with the universe, peace with his own soul and peace with his fellowmen, that man has religion"?

I also came across a remark made by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes: "'Freedom of speech' does not give a person the right to shout 'Fire' in a crowded theater."

I think the above quotations are apropos at the present time.

Dr. H. Clay Mitchell has said: "The parent can train the natures of children to remain fast while their habits change through the years. We must have a citizenry which will by long inner training be able to feel secure in a storm. No parent can raise that kind of child till he is himself that kind of person."

I have two other quotations which I want to leave with you: "Generations are as the days of toilsome mankind . . . What the father has made, the son can make and enjoy but also has work of his own appointed him. Thus all things wax and roll onwards: arts, establishments, opinions; nothing is ever completed, but ever completing."

This was written by Thomas Carlyle and it seems particularly appropriate to us who have joined together, to perpetuate the name which we bear. "We have within us certain characteristics and qualities which we have inherited from our forbears. It is also true that we develop characteristics and qualities which are individual to us and which we, in turn, pass on to those who come after us. This is a serious responsibility and should cause each of us to give thought to developing only the best and discarding the chaff."

It is always pleasant hearing from you. We are all busy people, but if we can take a minute now and then to write a letter, it keeps us in touch and makes us know that our Association is a vital link between us and that we really are one Family.

My very best wishes to you all, and I hope to see you at our next luncheon-meeting, if not sooner.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Knapp



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The Luncheon and Meeting were held June 11, 1955 at the Hotel Allerton, New York.

Twenty Members and guests from Florida, West Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York enjoyed the Luncheon and Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$364.10 were read and accepted.

Our Treasurer said she hoped that the few Members that are in arrears for two years will not have to be dropped on Jan. 1st.

Our President asked Dr. Knapp to speak about his genealogical work which brought forth questions from many Members which he answered, resulting in commendation and in his receiving a rising vote of thanks.

The Secretary read letters from eighteen absent Members — proof of their interest.

The other important business was the election of officers for a two year term, as listed herein.

This is the first meeting that our Vice President and former Secretary-Editor, Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson has not attended, including our Organization Meeting September 1936, it was due to illness. She was greatly missed by her many friends.

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Dr. Alfred A. Knapp is preparing a "Supplement" to his "Nicholas Knapp Genealogy" which at present contains about 1000 new names.

He is planning to present a copy of the "Supplement" to every one who subscribed to the "Genealogy" previous to the date of publication of the "Supplement."

Thereafter, the "Genealogy" and "Supplement" will be sold as a unit for \$15.00, and they will not be sold separately.

If your address has changed since you received "The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy," advise the Editor immediately.

If you know of any errors or omissions in your line or if you can extend your "Knapp Line" down to the present, please advise Dr. Knapp as soon as possible, as December 1st is the absolute dead-line.

Dr. Knapp has been unsparing of the years of research, of the physical energy, and of the thousands of dollars that he has expended to perfect his Genealogy for the benefit of posterity. Now, this "Supplement" is final.

Miss Mary T. Saunders, daughter of Mrs. Mary Taylor Saunders was married June 10, 1955 to Mr. James Rogers in The Central Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan. This church is the outgrowth of the church in which Elias Pattee, Great Great Great Grandfather of the bride preached in 1825. Elias Pattee's daughter Sarah Ann Pattee married Benjamin Fairchild Knapp, August 22, 1826 in Wayne Co., Michigan. Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Rogers are Life Members of our Association. Our Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

## DIFFERENT KINDS OF COUSINS

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|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| A           | — Father   |                          |
| B & C       | — Brothers, sons of A.   |                          |
| Bjr. & Cjr. | — 1st cousins (have a common   | Grandparent)             |
| B3 & C3     | — 2nd cousins (have a common   | Great Grandparent)       |
| B4 & C4     | — 3rd cousins (have a common   | Great Great Grandparent) |
| Bjr. & C3   | — 1st cousins once removed, (C3 is 1 gen. removed from 1st cousins.)   |                          |
| Bjr. & C4   | — 1st cousins twice removed, (C4 is 2 gens. removed from 1st cousins.) |                          |
| B3 & C4     | — 2nd cousins once removed, (C4 is 1 gen. removed from 2nd cousins.)   |                          |

Viz.: Bjr.'s relationship to C3 and to C4 is through Cjr., Bjr.'s 1st cousin.

B3's relationship to C4 is through C3, B3's 2nd cousin.

"Removed Cousins" have no common Grandparent.

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|---|---|------|---------------------------|
| B | & | Cjr. | — B is an Uncle           |
| B | & | C3   | — B is a Granduncle       |
| B | & | C4   | — B is a Great Granduncle |

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## THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY REVEALS MANY PROBLEMS YET TO BE SOLVED

We believe many of these problems will be solved some day. Somewhere will be found records of some kind that will clear up our problems and reveal the now hidden answers.

The most probable sources of this information will be found in old Wills, Family Bibles and old personal letters. Then will come Town and County records with their births, deaths and marriages, real estate transfers, tax lists, old church and cemetery records with tombstone inscriptions and groupings and perhaps census reports.

Much will depend upon individual efforts of members of each family involved. They can do wonders if they co-operate with vigor and persistence. Will not each of you organize for the search and continue until the solution is found. As time flies the task increases.

Here are some of the problems:

1. B-2.Timothy Knapp, probably had a large family but only one child, C-1.Timothy, is recorded. Who are the others? This B-2.Timothy probably married Bertha Brandyish.
2. C-1.Timothy, who was his wife? Did he marry twice? Ralph Reed Knapp, in his excellent and complete genealogy of "Titus Knapp, Loyalist" finds that Titus was the son of a Timothy Knapp and his 2nd wife, widow Alice Ade. He believes that this C-1.Timothy is this father. There are 125 years between the birth of this Titus and his supposed grandfather, B-2.Timothy. While this is possible it would be very unusual. Ordinarily there are three or four generations during such a period. Are there not one or more lost generations in this period of time with a Timothy, father of Titus, heading one of them?
3. B-8.Moses, there is something wrong with the record of this Moses Knapp and Abigail Westcoat. There is 40 years difference in the ages of the older and younger children. That is impossible for one wife. Did he marry twice? Or is there a lost generation with another Moses as its head?
4. E-83.Josiah, F-368.Josiah, F-372.Josiah. Who were the ancestors of Josiah Knapp who married Susannah Hawley? They seem to be very uncertain now.
5. E-102.Samuel, F-369.Samuel. These two Samuels are said to have married the same wife and to have had some of the same children. What is correct?
6. D-10.Ebenezer, D-91.Nehemiah, D-46.Joseph, E-146.John. Here is another major mix-up. Probably Enos and Titus were brothers. Probably they were sons of either D-10.Ebenezer, or D-91.Nehemiah. Did either or both D-46.Joseph, or E-146.John, have children named Enos and Titus? Was there only one set of brothers named Enos and Titus? Or were there other sets of brothers with the same name? Did E-288.Enos, marry both Elizabeth Russell and Mary Lockwood? Mary Lockwood is said to have married four different men. Who were her husbands? Or was there more than one Mary Lockwood? Did Titus marry Rachel Mead? Did a Titus marry Mrs. Abraham Quintard? There is much confusion concerning these two men and their wives.
7. If the ancestry of Benjamin Fairchild Knapp could be found it would add a substantial number of new members to our Knapp Genealogy. He was born ca. 1803, probably in Ontario Co., N. Y. Died Apr. 26, 1880 in Brownstone Tp., Wayne Co., Mich. Married Aug. 22, 1826, Sarah Ann Pattee. He married second Lucinda Reed. Had a large family.

Alfred A. Knapp \*

Mr. Ernest O. Knapp of Severn Md. advises us of the death of his father, Joseph H. Knapp b. 1873 d. Feb. 1, 1955 in Baxter, Penna. He was the last surviving member of the family of Joseph Barnett Knapp, b. 1818 d. 1891.

Mr. William A. Knapp of Kansas City, Mo. tells us of the death June 14th of his beloved Wife after 45 years of happy married life. She was his constant companion on his world travels.

Our sincere sympathy to these Members and their families.



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"Why, I don't even know my grandmother Knapp's name," I said one day in June of 1936 to a friend who had been entertainingly giving me facts and figures and illustrations of her genealogical interests. She convinced me there was something lacking in my life. On her advice, I took various steps, one of which was to write to Washington. I was amazed and delighted with the material I received in reply, which led to the discovery of the existence of the Knapp Family Association, to which my Membership Application and dues went at once.

My early correspondence with Ezra Fred Knapp, and the information in the Bulletins; and my more recent contacts with our Secretary; with the group at the Darien meeting; and, most of all with Dr. Alfred Averill Knapp, and his monumental work, The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy, have enriched my life greatly. I am increasingly aware of the fact that interest in one's personal heritage helps one realize that there is stability in the universe even in moments when the material world seems tottering, and helps give one a sense of "belonging" . . . a feeling that every human soul needs.

You have honored me now by making me your President, and placing your trust and confidence in me. I shall do my best to live up to your expectations.

Most sincerely yours,  
Lena C. Knapp

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### OUR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

"A meeting to formulate plans for a 'Knapp Family Association' was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown, 912 Fifth Avenue, New York on the evening of September 2, 1936.

"The following officers were elected:

President—	Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, of Peoria, Illinois
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Treasurer—	Mrs. Dickson Q. Brown, of New York
Genealogist—	Ezra Fred Knapp, of Nedrow, New York."

—From the Minutes.

The following present Members attended that Organization Meeting of fifteen:

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Our Treasurer would appreciate receiving the few unpaid dues to make her annual report perfect.

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On the self same winds that blow.

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This seems a fitting time for us to receive a List of our Members with their addresses, that we may all know, Who we are, and Where we live, and that it may help "To encourage sociability and promote friendships among our Members"—one of our "Objects."

The names of new and deceased Members are published in the April Bulletins for our information.

## OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

Miss Elsie Mabel Knapp, who has been our faithful President since June 1953, found it necessary to resign as President, as she is about to change her residence to Contoocook Center, New Hampshire, where starting her new life will leave her little time for outside activities. She hopes that our Members will drop in to see her when travelling in that locality.

Her resignation was received with regret, and she will be missed greatly by her many friends. We shall look forward to her being with us at our Luncheon-Meetings whenever it is possible. We shall be happy to have her represent our Association in New Hampshire. We send her our best wishes for much happiness in her new home in that beautiful State.

## OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Miss Lena Cecel Knapp joined our Association November 5, 1936, two months after its organization, and she has always been an interested Member.

In January 1940 she was assigned to The Methodist Theological Seminary in Korea. In December she was compelled to leave by Japan. In 1941 she was transferred to The Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires as Dean of Women and Professor of Christian Education. She has her Master's Degree in Education from Yale University. She came home permanently in 1953, to become Associate Treasurer of the Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief. We are very fortunate and happy to have Miss Lena C. Knapp as our new President.

## UZAL KNAPP'S FAMILY BIBLE

A letter from Dr. A. A. Knapp states: "I saw Uzal Knapp's Family Bible in Orlando, Florida,—four miles from my home—containing many records which I copied. It is a little larger than my Genealogy but not so thick, and bound in reddish brown leather. His signature on the fly-leaf was written in an excellent, large, bold hand with a quill pen that would put John Hancock to shame. It is dated 1830, about the time he joined the Baptist Church. The Bible is now owned by Uzal's granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah W. Loper (not Soper as in the Genealogy), now eighty years old, and living with her bachelor son in Orlando who is the last of her line. She is the daughter of Ebenezer W. Knapp, son of Uzal and executor of his estate. He passed the Bible on to his daughter. What will become of this Bible? Such a valuable relic should go to Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh, N. Y. where Uzal Knapp is buried."

March 21st Mrs. Royal K. La Barre of New York, flew to Seattle to visit her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Knapp. Then Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. La Barre flew to Hawaii for two weeks. They arrived back in Seattle April 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. La Barre will motor to New York, arriving about May 1st.



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**Albert A. McSweeney** died February 7, 1955 — Joined January 6, 1937

**Mrs. H. A. Poole** died 1951 — Joined June 27, 1944

**Floyd G. Thompson** died October 28, 1954 — Joined August 29, 1938

Mr. William A. Knapp of Kansas City, Missouri, sailed January 20th on the "Caronia World Cruise" of 33,000 miles, and of three and a half months. He will arrive in New York, May 7th.





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# The Knapp Family Association of America

*Descendants of NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER and AARON KNAPP*

## BULLETIN

*"He, only, deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures  
up and preserves the history of his ancestors"* —EDMUND BURKE

Vol. XIX, No. 2

Editor, Herbert K. Clinch, 114 West 16th St., New York 11

October 1956

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my Fellowmembers in The Knapp Family Association of America.

As I write this I am on a New Haven Railroad train after a weekend spent near Darien where I so happily had my first contacts with KFA folks during our delightful reunion at "Shining Shadows," the home of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Graf.

Letters from some of you, and conversations with our Secretary, have led me very definitely to feel that those who attended the meeting last June had the usual nappy interchange of news and views. I deeply regretted the conflict in date with my College Alumni responsibilities, a fact that had had to be recognized from the first announcement of the Association luncheon date.

To create a proper mood for this word to you, I have just re-read at one sitting many previous Presidents' Messages, and they have stimulated my thinking quite definitely in the direction of this question: What ought to be our next steps toward the realization of our purposes—so clearly stated and so wisely reprinted in each Bulletin. I am too new in this work as yet to have any convictions on this subject. If several of you would offer your ideas, perhaps by the time the next Bulletin comes out, the Executive Committee would have some immediate goals to present.

Thinking along these lines as I travel through this beautiful country, dotted here and there by new housing developments that seem to have sprung up over night and also devastated momentarily in innumerable places by construction work on expressways, I am keenly aware of how unappreciative we often are of our heritage.

It happens that the Methodist Church assigned to its Committee for Overseas Relief, with which agency I am privileged to be associated at present, the task of securing sponsors for 5,000 of the 209,000 non-quota, non-visa refugees and escapees that might have opportunity to find new life in our country under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. (If some of you would care to have some "stories" on this thrilling humane program I should be pleased to send some material upon request. Not, most assuredly as an "appeal," but solely "for your information.")

Studying the dossiers of these refugees and escapees day after day, often with a lump in my throat as I sense their hopes and dreams of beginning life anew among us, I frequently stop and try to visualize the motives of our direct ancestors, Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron Knapp. What were their motives in journeying thus afar? What were their feelings as the hardships of those "good old days" pressed upon them? What more easy and better living did they dream of for their children than had fallen to their lot?

And now, behold the blessings we enjoy! To enumerate them would be to take words from your lips. How we take for granted things for which newcomers to our shores devoutly kneel and give thanks to whatever God they worship! How we rant against the landlord if we have less than boiling water now and then. How often we become critical of our government, but stay at home on election day!

Truly it is for members of associations like ours to think back over what our forebears did to give us the free and comfortable life we live in these United States of America. Let us be humble before their efforts and resolve increasingly to make the little corner of the world we occupy, a happier place for generations which follow and for "the stranger that is within our gates."

Most cordially yours,

Lena Knapp



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## THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The Luncheon and Meeting were held June 9, 1956 at the Hotel Allerton, New York.

Twenty-two Members and Guests from Florida, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York enjoyed the Luncheon and Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$467.71 were read and accepted.

The Secretary read letters of regret from Mrs. George R. Anderson, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, Mrs. Don Harper, Miss Dorothy B. Newell, Mrs. Herbert J. Newman, Miss Elsie M. Knapp, Mr. Ernest O. Knapp, Mrs. Foster H. W. Kynes and Comdr. Charles T. Macdonald, U.S.N.R., who sent cordial Greetings and Best Wishes for a Good Meeting which made us regret their absence especially.

Last May our Ass't Treasurer, Mrs. Heathe Gregory, was elected President of the "Past Regents' Club of Greater New York," comprising 24 D.A.R. Chapters.

Such honors to our Members are gratifying.

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## OUR HERITAGE

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—George Mardikian, "I Found the Happy Land,"—Reader's Digest  
Adapted from his book, "Song of America."

Our forefathers labored and fought, suffered and died, that we might have our God-given Heritage, and have a voice in our Government through the ballot.

When we can arouse our American-Americans from their lethargy and apathy, and get them to vote, then, we can revere the memory of our ancestors without shame. In 1948, 49% of our voters voted—less than half. Hence "The hare and the tortoise."

Vote in November and show your appreciation of our Heritage for which millions of slaves in Europe and Asia would risk their lives for an opportunity to cast a ballot.

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## JUSTUS KNAPP'S POWDER HORN

"At the death of my father, I received a powder horn which has been passed on to me as the oldest son of the oldest son, etc. This powder horn was carried by Justus Knapp during the Revolutionary War. It was beautifully decorated with his own engraving, including 'Justus Knapp, his horn, A.D. 1776' and 'a ship, Prince George'—while he was a prisoner at Poughkeepsie, N. Y."

Seaman A. Knapp—Ames, Iowa

Gt.Gt.Gt.Grandson of Justus Knapp—1735/1815.  
(as is the Editor)

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Our appreciation to our Life Member, Comdr. Charles T. Macdonald, U.S.N.R. of Alexandria, Virginia, for having represented our Association for the third consecutive year at the Birthday Celebration of Thomas Jefferson in Washington, sponsored by the District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, of which Comdr. Macdonald is the Past President. Some forty one Patriotic organizations participated.

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Our Member, S. Arthur Knapp, died February 28, 1956, age 83—he joined our Association October 1947. He was a Major in the First Louisiana Volunteers in the Spanish-American War, and a Member of the Reserve Officers Association of the Spanish-American War.

He was a native of Vinton, Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State College in 1892, and maintained an active interest in agriculture throughout his life. His father, Seaman Asahel Knapp, was the founder of the "4-H Club" movement.

He was a resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana, for 70 years and an officer of the Calcasieu Marine National Bank from 1904 to 1946, when he retired as Vice-President. He was a civic leader and highly regarded throughout Southwestern Louisiana.

He was a real patriot. He compiled and gave Dr. A. A. Knapp extensive records of his family, many of which could not have been obtained otherwise.

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We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Robert C. Buttolph, one of our "Organizers," upon the death of her husband August 20, 1956.



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- H-2004-6. Rebecca Jane Knapp & Benjamin McClellan. Had: -1.Maggie May, b.1866. m.William Ohls. Had 4 chn. -2.Susan E., b.1867, Butler, Pa. m.Robert E. Haines. b.1865. d.1949. Had 2 chn. -3.Oriel Reed, b.1869. m.Rachel Snyder. Had 3 chn. -4.Benjamin Franklin, b.1872. d.1955. m.Mary Ross. Had 2 chn. -5.Alva Ritta, b.1874. d.1919. m.Andy Calhoun. Had 6 chn. -6.Enoch, b.1876. m.Belle Coppenhafer. Had 5 chn.
- J-459. Emmett Grayson Knapp m.4-24-1918, Glenna M. Rader. Had:  
-1.Emmett Grayson, Jr. (called Grayson), b.1-31-1919. m.11-24-1948, Vella McMillion. No chn. before 1956.  
-2.Harold E., b.8-2-1920. m.12-23-1947, Josephine Sapp. Had Eugene & Kason.  
-3.Anna Mae, b.8-23-1922. m.7-28-1944, Jack Cheshier. Had Nancy Mae.  
-4.Charles E., b.9-11-1924. m.10-16-1948. Sonia Jones. Had Sonia Lynn.  
5.Mary Elizabeth, b.9-17-1931. m.7-1-1949, James L. Dodd. Had: Linda Carol, Joanne Elizabeth, James Lewis, Jr.
- J-460. Roscoe Conkland Knapp, m.Dec.1924, Bettie Williams. Had:  
-1.Mary Catherine, m.Alvin Davis. Had: Pamela.  
-2.Nancy Gale, m.John Davis.
- J-784. Mrs. Elsie Knapp Kurz, age 63, d.6-1-1956, Miami, Florida at the home of her dau., Mrs. Clementine McDowell.
- I-69. Josiah Knapp, b.1833.d.12-25-1876.m.1854, Margaret Dundess, b.1832.d.3-20-1914. Had: Edmund Lee, b.12-13-1871.d.5-7-1946.m.1-28-1900, Lilah Trestrail, b.4-18-1876.Living 1956. Had:William Josiah, b.10-8-1901, LaSalle, Ill. Single 1956.
- I-2097. George S. Knapp, m.Mary Willis, dau.of Nelson Willis and Mary Walker, dau. of Ezra Walker and Harriet Stewart. Nelson Willis, son of Archibald Willis and Deborah Wadhams, dau.of Caleb Wadhams and Eunice Farr. (See Wadham Genealogy.)
- G—1178. Benjamin W. Knapp, m. Angeline Buell, dau. of Truman Buell and Nancy Hinman, dau. of Col. Wait Hinman and Mary Howe, dau. of John Howe and Mary Wadhams, dau. of Noah Wadhams and Anne Hurlbut, dau. of Nathan Hurlbut and Mary Blinn. Noah Wadhams, son of John Wadhams and Hannah Bidwell, dau. of John Bidwel and Sarah Wilcox. John Wadhams, son of John Wadhams who came to Wethersfield, Conn. about 1645 from Somersetshire, England. (See Wadham Genealogy.)

We would be pleased to send a Bulletin to prospective members.

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## BULLETIN

*"America shall not perish but endure  
While the spirit of our fathers animates the sons."*

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Editor, Herbert K. Clinch, 114 West 16th St., New York 11

April 1957

### THE "WE" OF US

"When folks are lonesome, they turn so mean," said Berenice\*\* at a moment when 13-year old Frankie and 20-year old Honey had exhibited their inability to handle maturely, problems natural to immaturity. Most of us at the above-mentioned ages likewise did not live much beyond the 'I' in us. We lived within ourselves . . . . . unwittingly shutting out of our lives those who would have liked to be "in" with us. And what can be more tragic than loneliness, be it of a teen-ager, or of a sixty-ager!

To come back to Frankie. She deeply adored her soldier brother, Jarvis, and his fiancée, Janis, and was ecstatically happy as she saw them together for a few hours three days before the wedding. Their departure after the brief visit, combined with other ordinarily, normal, happenings in young life, threw her into a slough of despair. "The trouble with me" she deplores, "is that for a long time I have been just an 'I' person. All other people can say 'we.' When Berenice says 'we,' she means her lodge and church and colored people. Soldiers can say 'we' and mean the army. All people belong to a 'we' except me. . . . . Not to belong to a 'we' makes you too lonesome." Then she finally came to a profound conclusion. "Until this afternoon I didn't have a 'we' but now I realize something . . . . . I love the two of them so much because they are the we of me."

I would not expect you to draw the inference from the above that the Knapp Family Association can be the "we" of any us us — either to keep a teen-ager or a more mature person, man or woman, from the despair of feeling apart and alone. A few of us are intimate friends, others of us know a few more from yearly contacts, but mostly we know each other only through the written word. Nevertheless, I believe our Association can be at least a part of the we of us. It can make us feel a relationship to the past, and create in us an awareness of the "stability of the universe"; it can link us together in these days through our common purpose; it can induce us to look forward through the eyes of the younger generation and believe that in the future and even in the Great Beyond the we of us will still be an active force, because we have lived and loved and shared.

Lena Knapp  
President

\*\*In the play — **The Member of the Wedding**,  
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You are cordially urged to be present and to bring members of your family and friends as your guests.

Messages and suggestions from Members unable to be present will be appreciated and read at the Meeting allowing you to have a part in it although absent.

We shall hold our biennial election of officers.

After the Meeting we shall have ample opportunity to renew acquaintances and visit with friends which is important and always enjoyable.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

A notice of the Meeting and reservation requests for the Luncheon will be sent to you later. The Luncheon will be \$3.00 including tips and taxes.

“A nation cannot be rich if its citizens are impoverished by excessive withdrawal of capital by means of taxation.”

“The one thing that can destroy a democracy is taxes, taxes and more taxes.”

Karl Marx

“If our nation is to retain its liberty in the future, now, as never before, its citizens must understand that the inescapable price of freedom is eternal vigilance. And eternal vigilance, with dedication to its cause, brings unity and strength in time of crisis.”

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Aaron Knapp was first heard of at Taunton, Mass. about 1638.

Roger Knapp was at New Haven, Conn. in 1645.

Job Knapp was at the present site of Sutton, Mass. in 1705, then wild Indian country. George Knapp's children came to New York City in 1794, he never came.

Alfred A. Knapp

## THESE KNAPPS HAVE "MAYFLOWER" ANCESTRY

Abigail L. Knapp	& Isaac Stinchfield	Lois Knapp	& Abner Newcomb
Albert Knapp	& Helen A. Shove	Mary G. Knapp	& Lewis S. White
Charles Knapp	& Catherine Lindsey	Merton H. Knapp	& Harriette E. Hollis
Charles W. Knapp	& Alatheia E. Bulkley	Nellie V. Knapp	& Albert E. Mitchell
Ella L. Knapp	& Fletcher S. Mason	Philena Knapp	& Daniel M. Rogers
Frederick N. Knapp	& Lucia A. Bradford	Sarah Knapp	& Daniel Bates
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Alfred A. Knapp

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Mrs. Le Roy A. Tarr

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Mrs. George A. Vonermuhl died August 2, 1955 — Joined September 21, 1936

Mrs. James White II died December 15, 1956 — Joined June 21, 1952





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- H-2719. Mrs. Elizabeth S. (Preston) Knapp, 2nd wife of Ismond E. Knapp, died Sept. 28, 1955, at Ithaca, N. Y., aged ninety and one-half years.
- J-740. Miss Clara Blanche Knapp d. 9-28-1956, Middlebury, Vt. Burial, Syracuse, N. Y.
- H-1902. Miss Mary Clissold Knapp d. Sept. 27, 1956 after an illness of five days.
- I-2051. John Wesley Knapp and Minnie Sophie Sheires had:
- I-2051-1. Gladys Viola, m. 11-29-1917, John James Roy, at Ayer, Mass. No children. He b. 2-14-1892, Minneapolis, Minn.
- I-2051-2. Laura Isabel, Single. A bank clerk for 28 years, then entered military service as a WAC Jan. 17, 1945. Still in service.
- I-2051-3. Howard Wesley, b. 8-2-1903, m. 8-2-1929, Virginia G. Wickland, b. 2-24-1911. They had: -1. Barbara Jean, b. 3-30-1933. -2. Joan Wesley, b. 7-20-1935. -3. John Howard, b. 2-20-1941. -4. Terry Jerome, b. 8-19-1948. -5. Thomas Jeffery, b. 9-30-1950.
- I-2051-4. David Philander, b. Minneapolis, m. 5-12-1927, Edna M. Harrison, in Minneapolis, b. 9-22-1909. Had: -1. David Jerome, b. 9-18-1928, m. Mary -2. Donna Mae, b. 8-21-1930, m. Frank Kuzma.
- I-2051-5. Lavina Geraldine, b. 1-17-1910, m. 6-26-1938, Edgar C. Haight, b. 8-28-1909. They had: -1. Marcia Louise, b. 2-10-1940. -2. David Loren, b. 1-25-1942. -3. Steven Edgar, b. 1-25-1945. -4. Nancy Lee, b. 5-3-1948. -5. Daniel Dean, b. 1-27-1953, d. Aug. 1953.
- I-2051-6. Helen Lucille, m. 4-20-1935, George Daniel Gill. He d. 7-19-1943. Had: -1. Mary Ann, b. 9-12-1936. -2. Dennis Blair, b. 11-27-1941.
- I-69. Josiah Lee Knapp, b. ca. 1833, Mors Forks, N. Y., d. 12-25-1876, LaSalle, Ill., m. 1848, Margaret Dundas, age 16, at Mors Forks, N. Y. They had:
1. Emma, b. 1851, New York City, d. 1926, m. Martin Armstrong, age 21, b. & d. at LaSalle, Ill. Had: Grant, Edna, Ethel & Ada. Came to LaSalle with parents.
  2. Cornelius William, b. 12-21-1852, Mors Forks, N. Y., m. Mary Theresa Yackey, b. LaSalle, Both d. in Everett, Wash. He came to Tonica, Ill. with his parents. In 1889 he moved to Hope, N. Dak. and in 1890 moved to Tacoma, Wash. They had: -a. Lulu. -b. Edna. -c. Eddie. -d. William Knapp.
  3. James, b. 2-17-1858, Tonica, Ill., d. 10-10-1946, Monarch, Mont. Single. He left home at age 16 for "out west."
  4. Delilah Muriel, b. 12-5-1859, Tonica, m. 1st Geo. W. Hartshorn who d. 1906, in Mich. m. 2nd West Smith. She d. 11-8-1930, Ottawa, Ill. Had: -a. Clarence Homer. -b. Clare L. -c. Forest S. -d. Edna A. -e. Harold J. -f. Muriel.
  5. Lester David, b. 1868, Tonica, d. 6-13-1930, Yakima, Wash. Moved to Everett, Wash. In 1910 m. Mary Baker, at LaSalle, who d. in Everett.
  6. Margaret Minerva, b. 4-7-1869, Tonica, d. 4-1-1946, Chillicothe, Ill. Single.
  7. Edmund Lee, b. 12-13-1871, Tonica, d. 5-7-1947, Peru, Ill., m. 1-18-1900, Lilah Trestail, b. 4-18-1876, Shenandoah, Pa. Still living. They had:
    8. William Josiah, b. 10-18-1901, LaSalle, Ill. Single. In hotel business in Alabama.
    9. Edmund Lee, b. 5-17-1904, LaSalle. Lives in Fla.—travels with shows. m. 7-10-1926, Minnie Biana, LaSalle. Divorced. She m. 2nd. They had a son, William Charles who changed his name when his mother m. 2nd. He saw service in World War II and m. in Oglesby, Ill.
    10. John Richard, b. 10-13-1908, LaSalle. He lives in Kansas City — a salesman for The Western Clock Co. He m. 10-21-1927, Dorothy Davis, b. 10-8-1912. Had: -a. Beverly Jean, now married. -b. John Richard Jr. -c. David Lester. -d. Janet Ann.
    11. Glenn Robert (changed name to Robert Glenn at baptism), b. 10-8-1915, LaSalle. He is a tool engineer for John Deere Co., Dubuque, Iowa. He was a Seabee in World War II, m. 1st Irene Willmeroth, and had: Penny Iris, b. 4-11-1942, Moline, Ill. He m. 2nd Isabelle Rohmer, b. 3-21-1913, Dubuque, and had: -a. Charles Edward, b. 5-16-1952. -b. David Richard, b. 5-25-1953.



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### YOUTH AND AGE AND GENEALOGY

At the Knapp Family Reunion this year, all the aspects of our interests upon which questions and comments came my way were favorable and enthusiastic with the exception of one: the absence of young people. One inquired: "How many of us do you think are under the half century mark?" Another said: "I wonder why there are so few young people here." (Let special appreciation be expressed to each younger person who did come!) A friend of mine, reporting on her family reunion, pointed out that future younger leaders must carry on, as those who have been carrying the torch, must pass it on to other hands.

In thinking over this problem, let us not blame the young people. In the first place, a couple of questions for each to ask himself. How many of my own generation did I try to persuade to come to our Annual Meeting? The other question is: "How old was I when I became interested in genealogy?" In my 40's I must admit. How old were you? If a poll were conducted on this point we might discover that it is natural for genealogical interests to become strong in the Senior citizen stage. This interest or hobby can hardly be expected to spring into blossom without cultivation. We must keep tossing tasty tidbits to our middle-aged and young relatives. I doubt that we would gain much by going at them with "hammer and tongs" and by pounding away on the subject . . . For example, we might pass on to them a Bulletin, marking some specific point that touches one of their interests; or, we might give them a year's membership; or, we could invite them to accompany us as our guests to the Annual Meeting. Have you other suggestions?

A different type of attraction is the program at Annual Meetings. This point might well be considered for the benefit of our stand-bys as well as new-comers. We were fortunate this year to have Mr. Benjamin I. Knapp, the father of one of our members, whose talk not only entertained, but also informed and inspired. Have you any suggestions for a speaker for next year?

"Youth, oh Youth can I reach you? Can I speak and make you hear?" wrote a poet a few years ago, and the question holds today. In some cases a program will appeal to these young people, but does not the attraction lie to a large extent in our personal relationship to the younger set in our families? We can hardly pull them out to a program unless in attending it, the niece or grandchild should want to attend with us! If we show understanding and are not carpingly critical of them in particular and of their generation in general, if we too, look forward expectantly, and not nostalgically backward, aren't we likely to have the pleasure of their company on one or another occasion? In such a case they don't think of us as old. What is being old anyway?

"Age is a quality of mind—

"If you have left your dreams behind,

"If hope is lost,

"If you no longer look ahead,

"If your ambition's fires are dead, —

"Then you are old.

"But if from life you take the best

"And if in life you keep the jest

"If love you hold—

"No matter how the years go by,

"No matter how the birthdays fly,

"You are not old!"

May each of us keep young in heart throughout the coming days!

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## THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

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Twenty-seven Members and Guests from California, Florida, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York, enjoyed the Luncheon and Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$446.84 were read and accepted.

The Secretary read letters of regret from—Mrs. Geo. R. Anderson, Mrs. Robert C. Buttolph, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, Mrs. Heathe Gregory, Mrs. Don Harper, Ernest O. Knapp, Ralph R. Knapp, Seaman A. Knapp, Wm. A. Knapp, William J. Knapp, Mrs. R. B. Llewellyn, Mrs. Edmund Sobanski, and Mrs. Edward C. Zabriskie. All of these Members sent Cordial Greetings and Best Wishes for a Good Meeting and hopes of meeting with us in the future.

The present officers were re-elected for a two-year term.

This is only the second Meeting that Mrs. Heathe Gregory, our Ass't Treasurer, has missed, including our Organization Meeting in 1936. She was missed very much. Her absence was due to the severe illness of her mother-in-law who died on Labor Day. We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gregory.

We extend deepest sympathy to Miss Dorothy B. Newell, whose father John T. Newell, husband of the late Vinnie M. (Knapp) Newell, passed away June 8, 1957 after an illness of a year and a half.

Those of us that attended a "Billy Graham Meeting" in New York, had a rare experience.

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"Along with honoring our departed comrades . . . we are here today to renew our patriotic faith, our faith in the American way, in the freedoms we enjoy and in the abundance God has given us."

—L. F. Cooper, Wilton, Conn.

## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

"We have forgotten to pass on the lesson that the men and women who founded our nation knew so well: freedom, our most valuable possession, must be jealously protected and strengthened by each generation. Always freedom is but one generation from extinction. Let us all, then, make a fresh start at teaching our youth the most important lesson of all, that freedom is not free. We have to love it, live it, work for it, even fight for it—or we will lose it."

—Wellington J. Griffith, Jr.  
This Week Magazine

## THE KNAPP HOUSE

A new monument to New Milford's colorful history.

It is located at the North end of The Green, and was bequeathed, together with some antiques, to the New Milford Historical Society (Conn.), by our Member, Miss Mary Clissold Knapp, upon her death September 27, 1956. She was the last of her family.

The house was built in 1815 and was bought by Miss Knapp's Grandfather, Levi Sidney Knapp in 1838. It was their Homestead for 118 years, until Miss Knapp's death.

Miss Knapp and her sister Margaret lived in the Homestead for many years until Miss Knapp moved to Hartford, when she used the Homestead for her summer home.

Her brother was Rear Admiral Harry Shepard Knapp, for whom the naval vessel, "U.S.S. Knapp" was named. A bell on The Green was also dedicated to him.

Our Life Member, Miss Vesta Viola Knapp, and Mr. Walter Oliver Magoon were married October 24, 1956 in Hardwick, Vermont. They now reside on Mountain Road, Stowe, Vermont.

Our Life Member, Mr. Everett Burnes Knapp, and Miss Hilda Skidmore were married July 27, 1957 in Bedford Hills, New York.

Mr. Knapp has been Town Clerk in Pound Ridge, N. Y. for twenty-seven years and is running for re-election this year.

Mrs. Knapp retired last year after forty-six years of teaching in the Westchester County Schools.

We wish much happiness to both of these couples.

We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, our 1st Vice-President, whose husband, Clarence C. Dickinson, passed away October 5th, at the age of 94, after an illness of four months. He was made an Honorary Associate Life Member in 1950, in recognition of his invaluable service to our Association in voluntarily acting as our assistant secretary and handling all of the complicated details of that office from 1936—our organization date—until 1946, while Mrs. Dickinson was our Secretary. Those of us that knew him will miss him very much.



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- F-337. Abigail Lockwood's line was: Timothy(5).David(4).Robert(3).Jonathar(2). Robert(1)Lockwood. Timothy Lockwood, son of David(4), m.Abigail Mead, and had six children.
- F-373-6. William Henry Knapp, Valparaiso, Ind., farmer with \$2400. real estate, personal, \$350. in 1860. In 1870, had real estate, \$5400. personal \$1600. m.Emily Booth, b.N.Y., age 32 in 1860. Had:-1.Mary, b. Ohio, 1853. -2.Sylvia, b. Ohio, 1854. -3.William, b. Ind., 1855. -4.Francis, b. Ind., 1858. -5.Maria, b. Ohio, age 16 in 1870. -6.Herbert, b. Ind., age 13 in 1870. -7.Frank, b. Ind., age 12 in 1870. (Perhaps same as -4.Francis.) -8.Lincoln, b. Ind., age 10 in 1870. -9. Ella, b. Ind., age 5 in 1870. -10.Merton, b. Ind., age 3 in 1870. -11.A baby, age 2 mo., in 1870.
- F-373-11. Orrin Judson Knapp m.8 31-1876, Alice Zuviah Oliver, Had:  
-a.Julia Alice, m.9-30-1914, John Earl Herndon, Jefferson, Ohio. Had:  
-1.William Orrin, b.12-29-1918. -2.Carol Emma, b.11-30-1922. -3.Clifford John, b.4-24-1925. -4.Betty Louise, b.1-18-1929. -5.Helen Marie, b.8-31-1932  
-b.Harry Jay, b.10-23-1877. (See F-373-16)  
-c.Lee Jerry, b.4-22-1894, Jefferson, Ohio, m.4-8-1922, Delsie Rosebrook, b. 5-15-1889, of Belfontaine, Ohio, dau. of Dallas & Alice (Howry) Rosebrook. No children.  
-d.Glenn Orrin, b.4-3-1886. Single.  
-e.Nira Oliver, b.7-22-1888, m.2-8-1912 Frances E. Wallace. Had: -a.Wallace Oliver, b.10-29-1917, m.9-25-1938. Florence Howland. -b.Ruth Ellen b.1-22-1925.
- F-373-16.& F-373-11-b. Harry Jay Knapp & Ida M. Gibbs had:  
-a.Gertrude, m.1st 10-14-1919, Peter L. Butts. Had: -1.Archie, b.9-12-1920. -2.Margaret, b.6-29-1922. She m.2nd 12-15-1924, Henry Voit, of Wattsburg, Pa. and had: -3.Howard, b.9-14-1925, -4.Mary, b.June 1927.  
-b.Mae Alice, m.Earl Henderson, W. Springfield, Pa. Had: Wanda Mae, b. 4-29-1926, Conneaut, Ohio.  
-c.Amy Beatrice, m.1st, Emory Taylor, 9-24-1924. Had: Beatrice, b.9-16-1925. She m.2nd 2-12-1931, Rowland Downing, Conneaut. Had: -1.Jean Amy, b.1-23-1932, Pierpont, Ohio. -2.Janet Mae, b.?-20-1934, Ashtabula, Ohio.  
-d.Ida, m.6-9-1926, Fred Taylor, Conneaut. Had: -1.Gilbert Fred, b.1-24-1930. -2.Dorothy Mae, b.6-23-1927. Ida d.4-7-1930.
- F-512. Job was son of James Hoisington who was b.1721, m.Elizabeth Richards 1750, fought in the French and Indian War and in the Revolutionary War.
- F-549-11. Anna Knapp, b.Lebanon Springs, N. Y., d.Calif., m.10-26-1847, Horatio Strong, b.12-17-1815. d.1-1-1892. Had son George H. Strong.
- G-869-E. A. E. Pierce, Tulsa, Okla., a descendant of G-869-E, Henry Lockwood Knapp, believes that H-1221, Henry Lockwood Knapp and H-1531, Henry Lockwood Knapp are duplicated and that one should be deleted. I agree. A.A.K.
- G-78. Catherine Fish was m.1-1-1839. d.2-25-1843, age 24-3-19.
- H-657. Mary Ann Welch was m.1843—not 1893.
- J-1483. Lucy Knapp m. Jesse Kelsey—not Kelley.
- - - Emeline F. Davenport should be G-4. in index. Not G-460.





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### THE PAST IS PROLOGUE

Inscribed on a statue in the building which houses the archives of the United States Government in Washington are the words, "All the past is but a prologue." In the writer's mind, this perhaps referred to a nation, but is it not equally true of each individual? There is a familiar saying, "I am a part of all I have seen," but the basic part of us is rooted not in what we have seen, but in the warp and woof of our particular ancestors. The times in which they lived moulded their thinking and attitudes as the missiles, anti-missile missiles, the sputniks, and the plans for control of outer space in this age have their effect on us.

These things of our times seem to some a disgusting waste of money, to others they are such tremendous "miracles" that the observers stand overawed by what is seen on television or read in the papers; or folks are filled with admiration and with a so great a curiosity as to how things will be in the year 2000, that they usually wish they had been born a little later with the possibility of being around here yet at that intriguing date.

What would our grandparents think if they could suddenly be present? Some of them would shake their heads in despair, with no comment; some would run and hide under the feather bed; others would peek here and there, investigate little by little, their curiosity piqued to the point of seeking out the "how come" of it all.

I suspect that in most cases, a given reaction to circumstances on the part of a given individual today, differs from his grandfather's in externals, not in its essential nature. That is to say, the descendant of the grandmother who fled to the feather bed in a thunderstorm, would, when the air raid siren sounds for practice, feel a shudder of fear so violent, she would brave the lesser (?) danger of the crush toward the "shelter." The "curious" in each generation are those who catch an idea such as that of harnessing steam, generations ago, or sending a man-made moon orbiting around the earth in outer space in these days.

But let us not adopt an idle do-nothing attitude about some of our less attractive characteristics, on a "my-granfather-was-like-that" basis. Our natural tendencies can be controlled, directed, made to grow toward the finest that has come down to us from our ancestors.

The purpose of these reflections is simple, to stimulate us all to work a little harder on getting facts about our ancestors from records, from cemeteries, from those older than we; and especially to try to interest the generations after ours in embarking on the fascinating pursuit of tracing the family tree.

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As the date of our Annual Luncheon-Meeting approaches, we shall be watching the mails eagerly for your reservations. We are naturally eager to see again the familiar faces, but are equally eager to spot some that are new to us. Do try to adjust your plans to come, and to persuade other members of your family or friends to accompany you. Or send us a message to be read at the meeting.

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Our President, Miss Lena Knapp, will speak to us on "Differences and Likenesses."

After the Meeting we shall have an opportunity to renew acquaintances and visit with friends which is always enjoyable.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

A notice of the Meeting and reservation requests for the Luncheon will be sent to you later. The Luncheon will be \$3.00 including tips and taxes.

Mrs. Isabelle M. Mohan and Mr. William A. Knapp were married October 17, 1957. Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Knapp.

"Happiness consists more in small conveniences or pleasures that occur every day, than in great pieces of good fortune that happen but seldom to a man in the course of his life."

—Benjamin Franklin - 1768

We extend deepest sympathy to Vice-President, Mrs. William E. Graf, whose husband, Dr. William E. Graf, passed away suddenly February 20, 1958 in his home at Darien, Connecticut; and to their daughters, Mrs. Lester E. Brush and Mrs. William J. Rogers — members, and to their families.

We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Vera C. Deans whose husband J. Irving Deans, passed away suddenly March 1, 1958 in his home at Glen Oaks, L. I.; and to their son, Norman — member.

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Everett B. Knapp	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
Howard M. Knapp	Plainville, Conn.
W. Nelson Knapp II	South Orange, N. J.
Mrs. Wendell K. Walker	New York, N. Y.

## ANNUAL MEMBERS

Mrs. Lester E. Brush	Norwalk, Conn.
Mrs. William J. Rogers	South Norwalk, Conn.
Orval C. Sheets	Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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## IN MEMORIAM

With sincere regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

Mrs. William F. Carter died October 29, 1957 — Joined December 12, 1936

Clarence C. Dickinson died October 5, 1957 — Joined October 14, 1950

Rosco Cole Knapp, Sr. died April 27, 1957 — Joined November 2, 1953

Mrs. Burritt G. Whitney died 1957 — Joined December 24, 1936

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- H-265.** Nancy Kinney, b.1820,d.2-1856/7 at Summerhill, Pike Co., Ill. m. 1st 6-29-1836 Joseph W. Knapp, being under age her father gave consent. m. 2nd 6-27-1842, Cephus Hubbard. She was dau. of William Jethrow Kinney, b.1781, Pownall, Vt. d.1-31-1837 Pike Co., Ill. Lived at Hazar, Penn Yan and Italy, N. Y. He m. 1st 1809, Mary M. Murphy, dau. of George & Nancy (Ayers) Murphy, Londonderry, Vt. m.2nd 1-23-1835 Rachel Chattister.
- I-281.** Sarah Jane Knapp, b.6-29-1839. d.1-24-1908. m.6-7-1856, James Brown, b.4-27-1833 d.11-8-1925, son of Isaac & Susanna (Smoot) Brown who came to Illinois from Hardin Co., Ky. with his father, Dixon Brown, who came from Culpepper Co., Va. They had a dau. Laura, b.4-21-1857. d.8-11-1905, Blooming Prairie, Minn.
- I-949.** Frank H. Knapp & Novella Taylor, had: -1.Willis Edmonstone, of Washington, D.C. -2.Allan Grearson, of Hamburg, N.Y. Frank H. graduated from Cornell University, a Civil Engineer, with U.S.Government in Haiti and Albuquerque New Mex.
- H-2222.** Orrin A. Knapp & Anna A. Quick, also had: I-2245-1.Alfred B., d.2-14-1919, m.4-20-1882 Ellen Louise Miller, dau. of Lewis B. & Mary Louise (Bell) Miller. Had: Gilford Benedict, b.11-11-1883, Springdale, Conn.
- H-2480.** Willison Luke Knapp enrolled in Co. D., 51st Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf. 9-27-1864. Honorably discharged 6-20-1865 at Camp Harker, Nashville, Tenn. He was called "Wilson" in army records.
- H-3060.** Joshua S. Knapp, Richmond, Wis. Farmer, real estate, \$400. Personal, \$500. b.in N.Y., 1827 m. Lucinda, b.N.Y. 1831. Had: -1.Clarence, b.N.Y. 1856. -2.Frances, b.Pa. 1859. -3.Delmar, b.Wis. 1862. Census 1870 Richmond, St. Croix Co., Wis.
- K-10.** Raymond J. Knapp, b.12-25-1884 at W.Schuyler, N.Y. Graduated from Syracuse University in 1907. m.3-18-1914 Natalie Bennett, dau. of Peter Henry Bennett.
- G-1319.** Daraxa or Daroxy Knapp m.Delacena Benjamin, of Bethel, Conn. Had: Charles Benjamin, b.1818, Ridgefield, Conn. d.1872. m.Julia A., dau. of Dr. Franklyn Fairchild. They had: -1.William, b.1861. -2.Frederick, b.1864.
- G-1511.** Hiram Francis Knapp also had a son, Theodore Hiram, b.1847, N.Y. d.1925, Mass. m. Hannah Jane Kelly, d.1913, Mass. They had: Minnie Isabelle, b.1872, Mass. m. William Andrew Wood, b.1859, Ohio, d.1920, Mass.
- G-2090.** James Ferdinand Knapp, b.12-2-1842, Ovid Center, N.Y., Moved to Bement, Ill. Sept.1865. Had: -1.Duane B. d.age 17. -2.Charles, of Bement. -3.Fanny Belle, d. in infancy. -4.Curtis F., a mail carrier.
- H-287.** Mary Knapp & Charles H. Knapp, had: -1.Almira B., b.1847, Erie Co., N.Y. -2.Charles B., b.1850. -3.Harriet M., b.1851. Moved to Iowa.
- H-316.** Rowley Harley Knapp, m.Martha A. Short, b.1837. d.1919. Had: Arthur P. who d.12-25-1871, aged 6 yrs.
- G-2032.** James D. Knapp & Clara J. Holcomb —Insert both in index with this number.
- J-1118.** Herbert H. Knapp, b.8-25-1878, Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Ohio. m.Eva Lena Robb Had: -1.Harry H., -2.Reginald E., -3.Irene, -4.Evelyn.
- I-709.** Mary Katherine Knapp, b.4-24-1866. d.6-28-1929. m.10-6-1886, James Madison Wendle, b.12-25-1846. d.1-1-1925.
- K-340.** Maude M. Knapp, b.1880, Fremont, Ohio, m.1-25-1904 Harry McCullum Bowles age 34 yrs.
- G-1201.** Betsey Ann Knapp, m.7-11-1830, Nathan Peabody, son of Oliver & Peggy (Stickney) Peabody.
- G-41.** Mary (Polly) Knapp, b.10-5-1780, d.4-4-1849. m.12-25-1797, Justus B. Mead, b. 6-30-1769. d.3-24-1849.
- H-885.** Charles Frederick Knapp, m.1875, Nancy Ann Thomas, b.1854. d.1950. Had: Dorothy, b.1895. m.Jacob Shelby Killian.
- H-1451.** Oliver W. Knapp & Juliette Conroy were m. 12-19-1869.
- G-999.** Betsey Knapp, was b. 12-25-1778.
- J-1072.** George T. Knapp, had a son Eugene L., Chittenden, N.J.
- H-1256.** Amos Knapp's will was made 2-29-1872,—not 1823.



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### KNOWING EACH OTHER BETTER

A friend who is an ardent genealogist recently sent me the following section of an unidentified poem:

"If you could see your ancestors  
"All standing in a row  
"Would you be proud of them?  
"Or don't you really know?"

This seemed to be a cute jingle, at first, but the last line kept recurring to my mind, and I felt the poignant implication of the words. Each of us is a part of the past. From some one back there, come our "sweet winning ways or our irascible disposition," to use the words of Gilbert Harry Doane in *Searching for Your Ancestors*. We owe it to ourselves and to them to know them better. Not so long ago I did not know enough about my forebears to feel any emotion about them, pride or disgust, affection or indifference.

For example, I taught in my early days in Wallkill, New York, not far from Newburgh, and I have often visited friends in that city. Time and time again I have accompanied persons to Washington's Headquarters there, and with friends have strolled through the grounds. Looking at the Uzal Knapp monument, there was always the question in one tone of voice or another, "Your ancestor?", and I would say in effect, "Oh no! I couldn't be on the branch of so distinguished a gentleman!". However The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy indicates that I am a "4th cousin, 4 generations removed." Last July, driving from my native Catskills with a Chicago friend who is always deeply concerned to understand the past and to relate herself and her friends to it, I delighted her with the idea of a stop at Washington's Headquarters. Of course the story of Uzal Knapp came out, and my friend revealed to the custodian that I have the same name. No doubt you have all had an experience like this and can imagine the type of conversation that ensued. You can easily imagine how everything about these Headquarters took on new and deeper meaning for me. As we read the inscription on Uzal's stone, I confess that my former mere curiosity was replaced by a new feeling, not one of pride exactly but at least a sense of being related to "an endless line," perhaps not "of splendor" but certainly to a line along which many shining spots of courageous living may be found.

We of the Nicholas Knapp line fortunately are able to seek out many of these spots, would we but use our Genealogy as a story book as well as a reference work. Let us read it more and know our ancestors better.

Furthermore, let us also look at the present and consider whether we would not profit by becoming better acquainted with our contemporary cousins. This is occurring through our Annual Meetings to some extent; our Bulletin contributes a considerable amount to a few people and it might do more. In another column in this issue you will find what we have called "The Mail-box." At random, from our correspondence, these items have been culled, and are given without any identification. Would you care to see this idea developed a bit? If so, will you not sit down right now and write one of your officers a note about some interesting experience you have had, or send an idea for the Bulletin, or for some other phase of our mutual interest?

Yours for knowing each other better,

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## THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The Luncheon and Meeting were held June 7, 1958 at the Hotel Allerton, New York.

Twenty-two Members and Guest from California, Arkansas, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, enjoyed the Luncheon and Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$448.24 were read and accepted.

The Secretary read letters of regret from—Mrs. Geo. R. Anderson, Mrs. Geo. B. Anthony, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, Mrs. Flora K. Dickinson, Miss Lola M. Grover, Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, Miss Mary L. Knapp, Dallas W. Knapp, Miss Elsie M. Knapp, Ernest O. Knapp, Miss Florence Knapp, William J. Knapp, Mrs. Foster H. W. Kynes, Charles T. Macdonald, Mrs. Walter O. Magoon, Miss Dorothy B. Newell, Mrs. Lucy K. O'Neal, Albert E. Pierce and Dr. Helen H. Wilkinson. All of these Members sent Greetings and Best Wishes for a Good Meeting.

This is the first Meeting that Dr. Alfred A. Knapp and Miss Mary L. Knapp have not attended, including our Organization Meeting in 1936. They were greatly missed as it could not be the same without them. A "Miss You" card was signed by the twenty-two persons present and sent to Dr. Knapp. His acknowledgment:—"Thank you for the appropriate card and all the signatures it contained. It was a very nice tribute and I appreciated it. I am sorry I cannot thank each one for his part in it." —A. A. Knapp

We were delighted to have Vice-President Ralph R. Knapp, of Santa Cruz, California, with us, and to have him speak to us. We are hoping that the "Atlantic" may be able to welcome the "Pacific" again soon.

We extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lucy K. O'Neal whose brother, John Letcher Knapp, passed away May 17th. He had lived with her for twenty years.

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"I still wish to urge our Members and other friends interested in the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy to correct all errors found and to report them to me, there are many errors to be corrected and eliminated. I urge you to also revise your Knapp family records, especially recent generations, and bring them down to the present and to send the information to your genealogist for future use. The last three generations in the Genealogy are woefully deficient in number and details and need to be greatly augmented. The information contained in these additional records will be of great value in the future. The Nicholas Knapp Genealogy is **not** completed. It is only begun and the foundation laid for a more complete genealogy to be written by your Genealogist of the future. There is much more information to be found and recorded by diligent search. This can be accomplished only by the co-operative efforts of all interested persons. One person cannot do it alone but our combined efforts can accomplish wonders.

"Will you not do your bit for the benefit of posterity?"

— A. A. Knapp

Our Vice-President, Mrs. Flora K. Dickinson, will arrive home October 10th from a two months tour to Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France and England. We are sure that her trip was wonderful but that seeing the Statue of Liberty — will thrill her.

"Dear Secretary:—For approximately fifty years, with few exceptions, the descendants of Holsey Gates and Selach Wilson Knapp—a direct descendant of Nicholas—have met together either at homes of the family or at the little Gates Mills Community Church, 'St. Christopher by the River.' Selach Wilson Knapp came here in 1848 and married 1849, Marie Gates, the daughter of Holsey Gates the founder of the village of Gates Mills, Ohio, in 1826. Greetings to all of you on June 7, 1958."

— Helen Hunscher Wilkinson, Chairman.

## THE MAIL-BOX

"I once came across a plaque which offered a thought in words that I think might well apply to our immigrant ancestors. It read: 'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.' ... How many loved ones of the Knapp heritage would find comfort in these words!"

"I wonder whether a list has been compiled of the places where local or regional meetings of Knapp family folks get together? If not, would it be well to inquire through the Bulletin where such meetings are held, the nature of the programs and the like?" ... (There is no such list and such information would be most welcome. —Editor.)

"I was greatly disappointed this year not to be able to arrange to come to the Annual Meeting. I am already planning my schedule for next year in such a manner as to be able to make the trip to New York."

"I am interested to know to which branch of the family you belong. ... I am from the Aaron line (not too many of them.) I date back to 1630 direct — and through my grandmother to Francis Cook of the Mayflower. ..."

"I hope with this little note to be counted as present at the gathering of the clan. One of these times it may be possible for me to appear in person."

"I can assure you that your meeting for June 1959 has already been entered on my books and I shall do my best to be present then. My sincere congratulations to all officers and members of the Association for a most successful meeting."

"I am writing to express my very best wishes to you and all the other members of the Association. I also wish to thank you and all the other officers for the fine job that you are doing."





# ADDITIONS TO THE SUPPLEMENT OF THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY

May be attached opposite their proper places, or in whole.

- D-95.** Lebbeus Knapp, there is no proof of his ancestry. Another says he is descended from D-27., David Knapp and Rachel Close. We wish some of our Members living nearby would search the records of Rockland Co., N.Y. and Horseneck Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., including wills, real estate transfers etc. and verify his ancestry.
- I-2461.** James Knapp, b.1808. d.1876, farmer with \$1,000. in 1850. m. Hannah..... b.1812, N.Y. Had: -1.Jonathan, b.1832. -2.Lucinda, b.1835. -3.James, b.1837. -4.John Orval, b.1839, m.Hannah Bonet — 2 sons. -5.Julia, b.1842. -6.Martha J., b.1846, d.1877. -7.William, b.1848. -8.Florence. -9.Perhaps James Vance.
- G-1352.** Brundage Knapp, (son of F-509, Jacob and Mary(Edwards)Knapp, and grand-son of Timothy Knapp and .....Brundage) m.Lydia Bishop, b.5-28-1809 of Starrs Ridge, in South East, N.Y., formerly of North Salem, N.Y. Had: -1.Lydia, who m. 1st Henry Whitney in 1831 at South East, N.Y. m. 2nd 8-16-1866, Rufus Fancher, Ridgefield, Conn.
- G-305.** John Knapp, d 7-16-1890 Bunker Hill, Ill. m.12 25-1833 Rachel Smalley, b.10-13-1817, Somerset Co., N.Y. dau. of David D. and Mary(Blackford)Smalley. Settled in Logan Co., Ill. 1856. Moved to Bunker Hill, Ill. in May 1869.
- F-693.** Job Knapp, m. Abby ..... b.6-10-1810. d.3-27-1881 (G.R.) Fishkill. Had: -1.Nathaniel, b.1844, d.2-8-1867. -2.Emily Caroline, b.1847, m. .... Van Vlack. -3.Walter P., d.4-3-1882, m.Harriet ..... (Jacob D. Van Vlack, b.12-2-1842, d.6-3-1926 is buried in the same plot.) (GR) Job Knapp's estate divided 1/2 to Caroline Van Vlack, 1/2 to Harriet Knapp, widow of Walter P. Knapp and guardian of his children.
- I-539.** Frank E. Knapp, m.Beulah P. Ellis. Had: -1.Edwin H., b.1910. -2.Gladys M., b.1-5-1911, Livingston Manor, N.Y. m.5-12-1929, Ronald N. Angles, age 23. -3.Julia, b.1913. -4.Emma, b.1917. -5.Kenneth, b.1918. -6.Albert, b.1920.
- I-2256.** George L. Knapp, m.Minnie Knapp, Had: -1.George C., b.ca.1903, Ossining, N.Y. m.8-12-1927 Ann Holden, age 23, b.Scarborough, N.Y. dau. of George C. and Helen (Weeks)Holden. -2.Dorothy Elizabeth, b.10-2-1904. m.Harold R. Edwards.
- G-130.** Lyman Knapp, d.1876, m.Mary Comstock, b.1821, d.1881, Norwalk, Conn. Had: -1.Emma L., b.1843, d.1901. -2.Frances A., b.1852.
- H-1219.** Hanford Knapp, b.1819, d.before 1860, m.Betsey Ann ..... b.1819, Had: -1.Mary Ann, b.1841. -2.Sarah Louise, b.1843. -3.Theodore W., b.1845, m.Sarah Frances Scofield, and m.11-14-1872, Mary L. Miller. -4.Albert F., b.1848. -5.Mary, b.1849. -6.Henry L., b.1851. -7.Phoebé Jane (or C.) b.10-10-1853.
- K-597.** Edwin B. Knapp, b.7-11-1848, Jasper, Steuben Co., N.Y. d.1892, m.12-11-1871, Persis A. White, Waupaco Co., Wis. Had: Myrtle, who m.F. R. Constance, Waupaco Co., Wis. Edwin was a "sawyer," later had a department store in Waupaco. Lived in Elyria, Ohio.
- I-1754.** Charles Levi Knapp, b.5-21-1867, near Elk Point, So.Dak. m.Margaret Kellogg, 3-8-1894, dau. of Warren Delos and Jane(Bonsall)Kellogg. Had: -1.Fay Warren, b.12-5-1894. -2.Gladys, b.2-26-1893. -3.Lyle Flobert, b.7-20-1898. -4.Keith Kellogg, b.11-28-1900.
- F-691.** Isaac J. Knapp, m.2nd Angeline (Brush) Dunbar, dau. of Jesse & Harriet (Marvin) Brush. His will was made 4-1-1876, Fishkill, N.Y. mentions Angeline, of Hastings, Westchester Co. in 1877, -Jessie Dunbar, dau. of my wife from a previous marriage, -Isaac B. Knapp, son (b.1844), my woodlot. The remainder to the children of my first wife. The petition also cites beside the above, -Elias Knapp, of Fishkill, -John C. Knapp, son, of New York. -Hyman B. Ross. Fishkill, -Sarah Weeks, dau. of Fishkill, -Rosa Lewis, -W.White, -Thomas Hoyt, of Fishkill, -Gilbert Niner or Niver, -S.G. & J.J.Smith, -Neazta Benjamin & Frank R. Benjamin, both of Fishkill. Aaron Knapp, Gilbert Niver and Thomas D. Smith witnessed the will.
- G-276-4.** George J. Knapp, & Ann Matilda Hardwick, b.1839. Had: -1.Wallace S., b.1854. -2.George W., b.1855, m.3-31-1887, Mary E. Paul, b.1860. She m. 2nd 11-17-1925, W.Nyack, N.Y. Joseph Gondeck, metal polisher, both b. in Germany, he, 54, son of Lawrence & Theresa (Schulke) Gondeck. -3.Mary S., b.1857, called Elizabeth. -4.Charles F., b.1859, m.Arnie C. Arnt. -5.Margaret J., b.1860. -6.Henry A., b.1865. -7.Susanna, b.1878. -8.Agnes N., b.1874. -9.John W., b.1877, m. Edith Trumpee. -10. Laura T., b.1880, probably m.8-1-1897, William Ayers, both of N.Y.City.





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### IMMIGRANT AMERICANS

Until I read in our Genealogy "Nicholas Knapp, Our Immigrant Ancestor," I had some ideas about immigrants which now I consider to be very antiquated. As the numbers of the world's homeless pile up in these years, men and women who are without a country through no fault of their own, or whose minds and hearts and souls cry out for what we call "freedom," I keep thinking of the factor of immigration in our history. Last week I saw a very unusual film, an animation film, "The Golden Door." An interviewer said to Marie Marelli McGregor, that he had something to say to her, "You represent," he said, "a unique, dynamic force that has converged from many places. Coming in succeeding waves, this force has created and in the future will continue to enrich that unique economic and political society without parallel in history, the United States of America. The force I am talking about, Mrs. McGregor, is Immigration. Look now. You are Mrs. Marie Marelli McGregor, whose people doubtless were immigrants." Mrs. McGregor answered "Well, I guess you could put it that way. My father did come from Italy, but he was only three years old . . . and my mother was born here after her father came from Germany . . . and, my husband's mother came from Switzerland, his father's people from Scotland, but 'way, 'way back." So they agreed her children are German, Italian, Swiss, and Scot by descent, yet Americans like all of us.

Then the interviewer continued, do you know how many people have come in since this nation was founded? . . . 41,000,000. Why did they come? Why do they still want to? . . . Usually to escape persecution of some sort or to get a chance for a new life, but let's not forget that basically they came, following a dream . . . for land and bread; for adventure; to be merchants or to see the world; to think without hindrance; to see whether ideals could become realities. They put down roots, . . . had families, . . . built a country in peace and security. They still come fleeing hunger, and tyranny, to what the immigrant poet called the entrance to America, "The Golden Door." "I lift my lamp beside the golden door" . . . That Door was wide open for everybody at first, with few exceptions, so people poured in . . . worked . . . and created work for others. The expansion of America, its emergence as a world power, would have been impossible, without immigration.

And why do I think all this has bearing on the interests of the members of the Knapp Family Association of America? Simply because, as I see it, all through these past 329 years, we, past and present descendants of Nicholas, William, Roger and Aaron Knapp, have made . . . each in his own corner and in his own way, some contribution to the growth, the spirit, the greatness of this "land of the free and home of the brave." Let us love, respect, and give our highest devotion to our country and its achievements. Let us feel a sense of pride toward it, but not a haughtiness toward other countries. Let us sing a song of peace for other lands, and for ours, though each may feel with the poet: "This is my home, the country where my heart is; This is my hope, my dream, my faith, my shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams and faith the same as mine . . ." Yes, in gratitude all of us — immigrant Americans of two generations or ten — may well unite in a song of peace for our land and for lands afar.

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The Luncheon and Meeting will be held in the mezzanine of the Hotel Allerton, 130 East 57th Street at Lexington Ave., New York, June 6, 1959. Luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. Please note the date now.

You are cordially urged to be present and to bring members of your family and friends as your guests.

Messages and suggestions from Members unable to be present will be appreciated and read at the Meeting allowing you to have a part in it although absent.

We shall hold our biennial election of officers.

After the Meeting we shall have ample opportunity to renew acquaintances and visit with friends which is important and always enjoyable.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

A notice of the Meeting and reservation requests for the Luncheon will be sent to you later. The Luncheon will be \$3.00 including tips and taxes.

"An old man said, 'See that thou despise not the brother that stands by thee: for thou knowest not whether the spirit of God be in thee or in him.'" Ascribed to Martin, Abbot of Dumes, a hermit of 1400 years ago.

Our Vice-President Flora Knapp Dickinson has been nominated by the New York City Colony as a candidate for the office of Chaplain General in the National Society of New England Women. Such honors are a credit to our Association.

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I would like to suggest to our members and friends that each head of a family make a complete record of his family and his wife's family, traced back as far as possible, both historically and genealogically. Include name, date and place of birth, death, and marriage, to whom married and any event in the history of the person or family that is of interest. In this way the more recent generations may be added continually and would be recorded more fully, whereas now they are so sadly lacking. It would be a wonderful record to pass on to your children or relatives and would furnish information invaluable to future generations. Publish the record if you can. If you cannot, give each of your children or relatives a copy and deposit another copy in your nearest genealogical library and with the genealogist of your Knapp Family Association it will be much more prized and appreciated by them when you are gone and the information that you leave is no longer obtainable. Would you not have appreciated it if your father or grandfather had left you such a record? Each succeeding generation has double the number of ancestors.

— A. A. Knapp

**Of an edition of 300 Nicholas Knapp Genealogies, only twenty odd copies remain unsold. When these copies are sold the book will be out of print for all time, as the plates have been destroyed.**

Word has been received from our former President (1951-1953) and Gold Star Mother, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, "that the remains of her son, Major William G. Benn and seven other boys were found after fourteen years, in the jungle of New Guinea with their plane which was shot down. Their remains were returned and buried in a common grave July 30, 1957 in The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. Major Benn was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by General MacArthur for accounting for some 100,000 tons of enemy shipping. He also received the Order of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal." Another Knapp descendant hero, that gave his all for his Country is now accounted for. Mrs. Carothers never gave up hope "That it would be revealed."

## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new Members:

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## IN MEMORIAM

With sincere regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

Asa W. Judd died 1958 — Joined October 5, 1939

Mrs. Mabel A. Knapp died May 13, 1958 — Joined December 19, 1936

Miss Nellie A. Perkins died November 27, 1958 — Joined January 28, 1937

Mrs. Alice B. Steuart died February 1959 — Joined March 21, 1951

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- K-390.** Hulda Alloa Knapp, m.6-19-1937 John Rolland. Have: Betsey Lee, b.5-26-1943. Res. Winter Park, Fla.
- K-391.** Marcia Louise Knapp, m.8-11-1945 Carney S. Boswell. Have: -1. David Charles, b.6-25-1949. -2.Robert Sheldon, b.8-1-1952. Res. Danville, N.Y.
- K-392.** Charles Robert Knapp, m.Susanna Rolston, 4-12-1952, Palmyra, N.Y.
- K-393.** Sheldon Rogers Knapp, m.Shirley Elizabeth Van Lare, 7-12-1952, Palmyra, N.Y. Have: -1.Thomas Rogers, b.7-12-1953. -2.Sussannah Elizabeth, b.12-1-1955. -3.Jane Sheldon, b.5-3-1958.
- K-451.** June Florence Knapp, m.Hammond F. Halloby, b.10-1-1920, son of Frank H. & Ollive E. Halloby, of Tuckahoe, N.Y. Have also: -2.Pamela June, b.8-22-1952.
- K-452.** John Robert Knapp Jr., now of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. m.2nd 1-17-1948, Nettie Georgianna Schachinger, dau. of John J. & Nettie Louise (Dommermuth) Schachinger. Have: -1.John Robert III, b.10-12-1948. -2.Linda Gail, b.2-19-1951. -3.Susan Ann, b.11-25-1952. -4.George Russell, b.10-16-1955. -5.Nettie Louise, b.9-24-1957.
- K-453.** Arthur Pierson Knapp, Ossining, N.Y. m.8-12-1950, Catherine Leeker, b.10-13-1927, dau. of William J. & Florence C. (McKiernan) Leeker, of Staten Island, N.Y. Have: -1.Arthur Pierson Jr., b.6-25-1951. -2.June Ruth, b.7-21-1954.
- K-454.** Marilyn Virginia Knapp, m.1-14-1951, Raymond William Darling, of City Island, N.Y. b.6-20-1922, son of Raymond George & Ruth Evalyn (Le Vaness) Darling. Have: -1.Sharon Lynn, b.1-19-1952. -2.Raymond William Jr., b.1-18-1955. -3.Deborah, b.6-8-1957.
- K-456.** Richard Arthur Knapp, of Bedford Hills, N.Y. m.12-30-1949, Marie Ann Zottola, b.12-12-1930, dau. of Lawrence & Mary (De Lena) Zottola, Bedford Hills, N.Y. Have: -1.Joyce Marie, b.1-29-1952. -2.Susan Anne, b.10-4-1957.
- K-457.** Donald Everett Knapp, now of Ann Arbor, Mich. m.9-1-1951, Marjorie Ann Maten, b.12-18-1933, dau. of Robert Elmer & Louise Elizabeth (Ford) Maten. Have: -1. Keith Robert, b.5-25-1955. -2.Gail Louise, b.10-28-1957.
- K-458.** James Edward Knapp, Sandy Hook, Conn. m.10-10-1954, Maude Bancroft-Billings, b.6-12-1932, dau. of Francis Edward & Clara Alida Elizabeth (Lagerberg) Bancroft-Billings, Stepaney, Conn. Have: -1.James Edward Jr., b.8-13-1956. -2.Catherine Elizabeth, b.5-1-1958.
- K-459.** Edward Hanlon Knapp, now of Sandy Hook, Conn. m.5-12-1956, Elizabeth Marie Ingram, b.10-2-1936, dau. of Ernest Walter & Mary Frances (Donlan) Ingram. Have: Edward Hanlon Jr., b.7-15-1958.
- K-460.** Robert William Knapp, now of Sandy Hook, Conn. m.10-25-1958, Rosalie Griffin, b.4-22-1938, dau. of Thomas Griffin.
- F-549-11.** Anna Knapp, m.Horatio Strong, son of Joseph & Lucy (Elderkin) Strong. Had: -1.Helen Josephine, b.1848, Sandusky, Ohio, d.10-14-1926, Sansalito, Cal. m. William Gideon Crandall, had two children. -2.Frances, b.Salt Lake City, d.Calif. m.John Colwell, had six children. -3.George H., b.4-19-1858, Calif., d.6-2-1897, Horton, Kan. m.6-1-1887, Matilda Caroline Penrod, b.3-17-1869, Troy, Kan. d.1-10-1942, Kansas City, Mo. dau. of Joseph L. & Margaret Melissa (Putnam) Penrod. -4.Frank L., b.Calif., d.Ohio. Single.
- I-1223.** Ralph E. Knapp, m.Marie E. Givens, she d.8-26-1919. Had: -1.Marie E., b.8-19-1919, m.7-12-1941, James E. Purcell. Had: -a.James E. Jr., b.8-4-1946. -b.Nancy Jane, b.8-26-1947. Ralph E. Knapp m.2nd, 11-11-1920, Helen Corcoran, age 19. Had: -2.Grace Adelaide Knapp, b.3-24-1924, m.5-14-1949, Ludwig Doblander Jr. -3.Ralph E. Jr., b.5-4-1935, m.12-3-1954, Dorothy Galesky, age 19. Had: -a.Ralph E. Knapp III, b.12-6-1955.  
Ralph E. Knapp Sr. is a retired Police Lieutenant of the Stamford force.  
Ralph E. Knapp Jr. joined the Stamford Police Force 11-21-1957.





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Descendants of NICHOLAS, WILLIAM, ROGER and AARON KNAPP

## BULLETIN

*"America shall not perish but endure  
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Editor, Herbert K. Clinch, 114 West 16th St., New York 11

October 1959

### KNAPPIE NEWS

Dear Friends in the Knapp Family Association:

Since I have had occasion to prepare this first-page "message" for you, I have several times been tempted to write something of a personal nature, but have resisted. Now however, I yield to temptation!

In 1898 my family moved to the Dry Brook valley where, among our nearest neighbors was a Haynes family of six children. One, named John Dudley, was three years older than I and for a few years scorned to notice such a "kid". In our late teens and twenties, however three years seemed not to make any difference. A gay romance in 1913-1914 ended quite naturally: "John Bill" was in the Marines, I was in college and our paths led in different directions.

Some of you know in detail of my wanderings, but you all know I have had an interesting life, rich in friendship and gratifying in work. One could not have asked for happier days than I spent in Wallkill, N. Y., Connecticut, Chicago, Korea, Argentina, yes, and even in the Big City these last six years. You also know that my native valley in the Catskills, is where I hoped to retire and where in the home of my Aunt I have an apartment.

"John Bill" after World War I, had his share of travel, married a girl from our local youth group in the Catskills, and when they found "far" places less attractive than our mountains, they returned to the home base. Edith died about two years ago, all of us having been friends together, throughout the years.

Last Fall at some gathering, birthplaces were under discussion. I remarked that I had heard that mine was all over-grown — I had never been there since I could remember. "John Bill" piped up, he would take me over the mountain to find the spot. On June 7, this summer, at the Haynes Family reunion (our grandfathers were own cousins) we decided on a date for the search. So on June 28, we travelled over to Hardenburgh and found the foundation stones of my grandfather's home in which I was born. I was sort o' born again on that day, though we did not fully realize the fact until August 18.

The story of mountain road drives to visit friends of older days who are scattered over an area of fifty miles, as I went to Arkville for weekends is a good one, but space is limited. Suffice it to say that the friends and relatives we have been able to "surprise" (though many seemed to have known this before we did!) have poured out their love and good wishes so enthusiastically, that, like all others in this situation, we are the happiest people on earth!

We were married on August 27, in the pretty little town of Roxbury, N. Y. John's daughter and husband, Mary and Thomas Liddle "stood up" with us. The minister was young Gerald Bostock, whose father had been pastor in Dry Brook when Gerald and Mary were growing up and who knew John well, while I know the father well from our associations at Methodist headquarters in New York. So this part of our plans too, seemed fraught with friendship. We went to the Adirondacks for a few days, the farther most point being Wanakena, to visit John's grandson, a student at the State Ranger School there.

We were home in the Dry Brook valley, seven miles out of Arkville, for a few days but on September 8, I had to return to my "job" in New York. I am on half time now, and The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will release me as soon as possible from my work responsibilities, and thus my much-talked-of retirement will become a reality.

I expect to be here in my new home week-ends, long ones at that, where the address is simple: Arkville, New York. The place is easy to find if you are motoring in the area. We are very sociable creatures, both of us, and our latch-string is always out to friends and acquaintances!

Best wishes to you all!

Lena Knapp Haynes





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## THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Luncheon and Meeting were held June 6, 1959 at the Hotel Allerton, New York.

Twenty-six Members and Guests from Florida, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York enjoyed the Luncheon and Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports showing a Balance on Hand of \$492.23 were read and accepted.

The Secretary read letters of regret from— Mrs. George B. Anthony, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, Mrs. Cecile M. Keister, Miss Dorothy Keister, Miss Lena Knapp, Miss Elsie M. Knapp, Ernest O. Knapp, Mrs. Richard B. Llewellyn, Charles T. Macdonald, Miss F. Fern Merritt, and Mrs. Flora N. Rogers. They all sent Greetings and Best Wishes for a Good Meeting.

The present officers were re-elected for a two year term.

Our President, Miss Lena Cecel Knapp, and Mr. John Dudley Haynes, of Arkville, New York, were married August 27, 1959. We offer our Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes.

Our Vice-President, Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, was elected Chaplain General of the National Society of New England Women. Such honors are a credit to our Association.

With sincere regret we announce the death of our Custodian, Mrs. George A. Kuhner, July 23, 1959, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Mrs. Kuhner was one of our Charter Members of October 2, 1936, and they can never be replaced.

Mrs. Edna K. Reynolds, Mrs. Kuhner's niece, presented Mrs. Kuhner's "Nicholas Knapp Genealogy" to our Association, which we accepted with appreciation and thanks.

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Such records would prove to be an invaluable source of accurate information to genealogists for all time. Records made at the present time are far more valuable than those made one hundred years later, compiled from church and cemetery records or from memory, hearsay or tradition.

—Alfred A. Knapp

Only twelve copies of the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy remain unsold. When these books are sold, the book will be out of print for all time. No books will be reserved for future purchase.

## THE MAIL-BOX

"I am very sorry that I shall be unable to attend our Luncheon-Meeting this year. I am sure, however, that our Presiding Officer, Vice-President Mrs. Flora Knapp Dickinson, will preside not only efficiently but also charmingly, and that many pleasantries will be exchanged, old acquaintances strengthened and new friendship formed."

"I was interested in the Bulletin and the article 'Youth and Age and Genealogy.' It may encourage you to know that I am only 23 and have two small babies but I still feel the 'drive' for genealogical work."

"When I read our Lena Knapp's letter 'Immigrant Americans,' I recalled how I once had to write something 'inspirational' for our Bulletins. She has done just that, and I extend my congratulations to her."

"My copy of the 'Nicholas Knapp Genealogy' has arrived and it is impossible to express in writing the pleasure I have received from it. I have been doing family genealogical research the past three years and I am able to understand just a little the tremendous amount of work and expense involved in such an undertaking."

"I regret to advise you of the death of our Member Mrs. Alberta C. Kynes, May 9th. Our Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter are giving a fine gift in her memory to the National Daughters in Washington for our New Jersey Room."

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers who have been carrying on the work of our Association. I regret not being able to be with you this year but I hope to be at some future time. Thanks for the good job you are doing, and if I can be of any assistance please let me know."

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- H-2369.** Daniel Howard Knapp, is not son of G-1398, Truman Knapp. He is the same person as H-2309, Howard I. Knapp, son of G-1379, John Knapp.
- G-1398.** Truman Knapp & Mary Ann Swallow. Had: -1.H-2366, Eugene, d. of spotted fever. -2.Joseph, d. in infancy. -3.H-2367, George, d. of spotted fever. -4.H-2368, Frank Truman, d. 1-5-1908. -5.H-2369-1, Gertrude Ruth, b.12-24-1856, d.5-31-1925, m.3-15-1877 George Wells Biesecker, b.2-2-1855, d.6-15-1920 (son of Jacob H.Biesecker, b.10-25-1823, Providence Tp., d.11-10-1881 at Newton, Pa. and Eleanor Krotzer.) Had: -1.Arthur Swallow Biesecker, b.2-2-1878, m.8-11-1908, Norma G. Decker. Had: -a.Keith, m.his cousin Elaine Harris. -b.Jean, m.Dr. Houck. -2.Mary Belle Biesecker, b.10-5-1880, d.12-27-1939, m.11-29-1900, Irvin Saxe Hunt, b.2-24-1879, d.10-19-1949. Both b. Newton, Pa. d. Washington, D.C. Had: -a.Wells Elton, b.6-4-1902, m.Frances Ward. -b.Eleanor Ruth, b.10-11-1904, m.Newman Oscar Mueller. -c.Gertrude, b.5-7-1906, d.11-1-1907. -d.Dale Irwin, b.12-13-1909, m.Helen Temple. -3.Eleanor Krotzer Biesecker, b.8-22-1884, m.6-27-1908 James Garfield Harris. Had: -a.Richard Wayne. -b.Leland. -c.Elaine. -4.Truman Knapp Biesecker, b.2-4-1889, m.5-18-1911 Oelo Rifenbary. Had: -a.Clalice, m.Lester Ayers. -b.James. -c.Douglas.
- J-1019.** Spencer Lyon Knapp, m.Evelyn Rogers Sheldon, b.1-12-1886, Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y. She traces her Mayflower Line through her father back to William Brewster, and through her mother to Thomas Rogers, both signers of the Mayflower Compact. Her Rogers line is 12.Evelyn Rogers Knapp. 11.Lizzie Rogers Sheldon. 10.Cullen H. Rogers. 9.Hazard Rogers. 8.Judge William Rogers. 7.Stephen Rogers. 6.John Rogers. 5.Noah Rogers. 4.William Rogers. 3.Thomas Rogers, of the Mayflower. 2.John Rogers. 1.John Rogers the Martyr b.ca.1500 at Deritend, Parish of Ashton, near Birmingham. He assisted Tindal in the translation of the New Testament and incurred the wrath of Bonner, Bishop of London, and displeased Queen Mary by his sermons and exhortations. He was Summoned before Council the 2nd time and committed to New Gate prison. He was Examined the 3rd time in Council and turned over to the Bishop. He was burned at the stake at Smithfield, Feb.4,1555.
- G-1323.** Anna Knapp, b.1790, m.11-26-1809, Isaac Dowd Jr., b.2-13-1784, d.5-26-1855. Had: -1.Isaac Martin, b.10-20-1811. -2.Marilda or Marilla, b.9-10-1813. -3.Deraxa b.5-9-1815, m. —Cook. -4.Jeremiah Osborne, b.2-1-1817, m.6-26-1846 Lucy Jane Wilsey. He d.12-12-1898, Portland, Ore. Had: -a.Azel. -b.Olive Jane. -5.Daniel W. b.3-6-1819. -6.Esther, b.July 1821. -7.Elizabeth, b.4-17-1824 m.John Halstead. -8. Anna, b.3-12-1825. -9.Ellen, b.830-1827 m.William C. Clark. -10.Charles, b.2-12-1830. -11.Henry, b.12-19-1831. -12.Olive, b.9-13-1834 m.Carlston D. Farnham or Farnum of Beech Woods. Had: -a.Melville D. -b.Lola. -c.Carrie M.
- G-869-C.** Abel Ferris Jr. (Son of Abel and Martha Ferris) b.1799, d.1879. m.1st Sarah Ford, b.8-22-1794, d.7-20-1866, dau. of Eliakin & Hannah (Lockwood) Ford or Capt. Samuel L. & Letitia (Davis) Ford. Sarah left Abel and later m. Henry Waring. Abel m. 2nd G-869-C. Mary Knapp, b.10-10-1811, m.11-25-1832. She was buried as Mary Mattison in the Knapp Burying Ground near Boston, Erie Co., N. Y. They had a son James Millington Ferris, a minister, who went west and his mother went with him. Abel m. 3rd Sally Ford, b.1816, d.9-27-1848, a cousin of his 1st wife Sarah Ford. She d. leaving a dau. Elizabeth and a son Frehuysten. Abel m. 4th Angeline Knapp, b.8-12-1812, d.12-31-1896 (said to be a cousin of his second wife, Mary Knapp). They had Benjamin m. Ruth Brady and dau. Emeline.
- E-227.** Joseph Knapp, m.Deborah (Monrow) Gillett, wid.of Joseph Gillett and dau. of Noah & Deborah Monrow and Grand dau. of Joseph & Susanna Monrow.
- I-1222.** Parris R. Knapp, d.6-24-1953. His wife Louise M. Piper d.5-31-1949. Had: -1.Warren F., b.10-18-1919. -2.Donald P., b.2-25-1922, m.7-24-1943 Ethel M. Scott. Had: Donald P. Jr., b.2-7-1951. Warren & Donald conduct a garage at the Knapp home, Washington Ave., Stamford, Conn.
- C-3.** Joshua Knapp Jr., m. 2nd Abigail Butler, dau. of Walter and Rebecca (Pennoyer) Butler of Greenwich, Conn. Rebecca was a sister of William Pennoyer of London (Will dated 1670) and Robert Pennoyer of Greenwich and Stamford, Conn. (See Reynolds data in Miner Family, by Louisberry & Jacobus.)



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### THERE IS ALWAYS A FUTURE BEFORE US

A fanciful greeting card from Argentina came to me recently which seemed to me to be something "different." The figure was the body of perhaps a four-year old with a youth or adult sized head and face, reminding one a bit of those German Hummels. "He" is wearing a cap and gown, has a beribboned diploma in his hand, and is seated on a "magic carpet" in mid-air, joyous anticipation for the future beaming from his face. All this represents the Spanish saying: "All that I learn will teach me never, never to forget those who forge my future."

This is something to be taught to children as part of their education in obedience, but as I read it and thought more about it, it seemed to me to have significance for us in later years as well, especially we who are interested in genealogy. Who were those in the past who forged our futures? How do we remember them? By putting flowers on their graves? By providing flowers for the church altar in their memory on certain days? Yes, but even more important, I think, is to recall words, ideals, stories they left in our minds and hearts.

As I thought over my memories of this sort, I could hear my mother say very clearly, I do hear her whenever I am tempted to be careless: "Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Generally the idea helps me to be more careful about details, and I wish I might be ever mindful of this very sound advice. Then, another instance: shortly after my first day at school as a four-year old in a little red school-house, I came home and reported: "Because Chauncey was bad today, Mr. Blair pulled his ear and made it bleed." My father's voice still rings in my ears when I am tempted to tell tales: "The next time you report something like this, I will do the same to you." Today's children are not disciplined in this particular way, but such severity didn't harm most of us, did it? Another admonition of my father which has continued to have influence over me through the years, when I am inclined to gossip, though I sometimes fail to heed it, was: "If you can not speak well of your friends, do not speak of them at all."

Teachers, friends, work associates, fun comrades have all helped us forge what was for us once our future, that which is now our past or present. As a matter of fact, however, it seems to me as I approach my 68th birthday, that the days ahead are still a future to be forged . . . one in which not only those who live near me, but also those whom I see occasionally, those whose lives and thoughts are revealed to me through books, those whose spirits shine out through correspondence, continue to have a part in making me the kind of person I shall be in another five, ten or more years that may lie before me. Let us therefore continue to feel that we have a future to be forged and look forward to tomorrow. We may well keep in mind the following, which I saw on a birthday card last year.

"Youth is not a time of life. It is a state of mind.  
Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years:  
people grow old only by deserting their ideals.  
Years can wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.  
Youth is a state of mind.  
You are as young as your faith—as old as your doubt;  
as young as your self-confidence—as old as your despair.  
Youth is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees.  
It is a quality of the imagination, temper of the will.  
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The problem: not to add years to our life, but to add life to our years.

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### E L I G I B I L I T Y

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## THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Luncheon and Meeting will be held in the mezzanine of the Hotel Allerton, 130 East 57th Street at Lexington Ave., New York, June 11, 1960. Luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. Please note the date now.

You are cordially urged to be present and to bring members of your family and friends as your guests.

Messages and suggestions from Members unable to be present will be appreciated and read at the Meeting allowing you to have a part in it although absent.

After the Meeting we shall have ample opportunity to renew acquaintances and visit with friends which is important and always enjoyable.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.

A notice of the Meeting and reservation requests for the Luncheon will be sent to you later. The Luncheon will be \$3.00 including tips and taxes.

Miss Addie M. Crowe and Mr. W. F. Stevens were married May 1959. We offer our Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.

With sincere regret we announce the Passing Away of Mrs. Robert C. Buttolph, March 27, 1959. Mrs. Buttolph was one of our "Organizing Members" of September 2, 1936 who established our Association.

With sincere regret we announce the Passing Away of Mrs. Frank Holbert in 1959, she was one of our "Charter Members" of Oct. 5, 1936, and they can never be replaced as they were the foundation upon which our Association was built.

### KNAPP COAT OF ARMS

The Secretary has copies of the Knapp Coat of Arms, 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for framing. It is printed in six colors and is a work of art.

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The 300 copies of the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy published in 1953, and the 300 copies of the Supplement published in 1956, have all been distributed, and the Genealogy is now classed as an "out of print" book. No more copies can be obtained as the plates have been destroyed.

The Genealogy has served its purpose of preserving and of bringing to the attention of the Knapp families and the public, a vast store of information concerning the descendants of Nicholas Knapp which has been accumulated during the years by a devoted group of research workers who spent many years on this arduous task. We have collected, classified and indexed more than 13,000 of the descendants of Nicholas Knapp, each with a number and fully traced back to 1630 as accurately as is now possible. The publication revealed that many errors had crept into these records for us to correct. This book will serve as a foundation upon which future genealogists may build a new Nicholas Knapp Genealogy and history, correcting the errors now present and adding much new-found information.

The Census Reports, pedigrees and correspondence acquired in collecting the material for the Nicholas Knapp Genealogy have been deposited in the library of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society where they will be available for research in the future. Therein will be found a vast store of original and authentic information concerning the family.

I wish to thank all who have co-operated in the production of the Genealogy, and the Secretary for his help in publicity and its distribution, and the many others for their expressions of approval and appreciation of the book.

—Alfred A. Knapp

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new Members:

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## IN MEMORIAM

With sincere regret our Association announces the death of the following Members, and extends deepest sympathy to all members of their families.

Mrs. Robert C. Buttolph died March 27, 1959 — Joined September 2, 1936

Mrs. Frank Holbert died 1959 — Joined October 5, 1936

William Henry Knapp died August 2, 1958 — Joined December 10, 1937

Mrs. George A. Kuhner died July 13, 1959 — Joined October 2, 1936

Mrs. Foster H. W. Kynes died May 9, 1959 — Joined July 19, 1938

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We would be pleased to send a Bulletin to prospective members.

If your name or address is incorrect, kindly advise the editor.



# ADDITIONS TO THE SUPPLEMENT OF THE NICHOLAS KNAPP GENEALOGY

May be attached opposite their proper places, or in whole.

**G-903. Justus Knapp**, b.6-25-1794, d.12-31-1862, m.Rachel Gaylord, b.1801. Perhaps Justus did not m.2nd Betsey. Mrs. Shirley E. Woodward, Route 2, Box 125, Endicott, N.Y. believes that Justus was son of F-491, William M. & Abigail (Merrill) Knapp instead of F-349, Hezekiah. Her grandmother, H-1499, Abigail A. always told her children and grandchildren that she was named after her grandmother and that her brother William, H-1501, was named after his grandfather. Justus, G-903, is buried in the same lot with "Abigail Knapp, wife of William Knapp Sr. d.12-29-1863 age 90." She believes Abigail (Merrill) Knapp was living with her son Justus and died a year after him in mid winter when the roads were impassable so was buried in her son's lot. She was with him in 1860 Census.

**H-1499. Joseph Elbert Knapp**, b.1811, Mass. m.Harriet Chapman, b.1843, d.1919, widow of Henry J. Pulsipher, b.1830, d.1864, Ga. a Civil War Soldier. No children.

**H-1499. Abigail A. Knapp**, b.1-23-1824, Mass. d.3-19-1910, m.1-28-1845 Lewis Ketchum, b.5-29-1817, d.4-5-18885. Had: -1.Elvira A., b.1846, d.1899, m.Elias Chrystler, had 6 chn. -2.Adelaide C., b.1849, d.1901, m.Adelbert Pitkin, 5 chn. -3.Arville Rachel Ann, b.1852, d.1864. -4.Nancy Marier, b.1856, d.1903, m.Dwaine Coe. No chn. -5.Mary Alice, b.1857, d.1922, m.Adelbert E. Whittemore. 2 chn. -6.Frank Lewis, b.1863, d.1939, m.Eliza Brooker. 9 chn. -7.Fred Lincoln, b.1865, d.1953, m.Jennie Johnson. 1 chd.

**H-1500. William M. Knapp**, b.1822, Conn., d.7-7-1900, Maine, N.Y. m.1st Elizabeth Settle, mother of his chn. m.2nd Lamira Middough. m.3rd Sarah——, who m.1st—— Fretinberg & 2nd——Frame. Had: -1.Hattie, b.1859, d.1923, m.Smith S. Lyon, b. 1858, d.1925. Had: Mary, William, Albert & Florence. -2.Tilly, b.1860, m.1st Emmer-son Blair. m.2nd Augustus Lester. No chn. -3.Emma, b.1868, d.1923. m.1st Atwell Rogers. m.2nd Alphonso Japhet as his 4th wife. No chn. -4.Burr D.

**H-1501. Harry L. Knapp**, Perhaps never married. Data identical with H-2116, which should be omitted.

**F-524. Amos Knapp**, d.1-22-1822, m.6-22-1778 Mary Brownell, b.8-15-1759, d.1-26-1836, Stanford, N.Y. (The Family Bible does not mention a 2nd marriage to Sally nor does it mention G-1406, G-1407, G-1408 or G-1409. It does mention Judith, b.6-24-1779, d.4-23-1800 Stanford, N.Y. Jonathan, b.8-11-1781, d.4-2-1803 Stanford, N.Y. Brownell, b.11-29-1783, d.12-21-1800, Stanford, N.Y.)

**G-1405. Amos Dorman Knapp**, m.1st Sarah Horton, 8-19-1807, b.3-6-1787, d.Stanford, N.Y. Dau. of Peleg Horton. (Did she have a sister Mary S. Horton. b.5-25-1800?) Amos D. m.2nd 2-2-1845 Emeline Eliza Collins, Greenville, N.Y. b.8-24-1816, Greenville, N.Y. d.8-7-1946, Stanford, N.Y. m.3rd 12-7-1852 Phebe M. Palmer. Children were by the first wife.

**J-1439. George Palmer Knapp**, b.2-13-1914, Millbrook, N.Y. m.1-9-1943 Marion Virginia Murray, b.7-24-1913, Rawlins, Wyo., dau. of Donald & Mary Troupie (Freeman Murray). Had: -1.George Palmer Jr., b.2-5-1944. -2.Marianne Freeman, b.5-7-1946. -3.James Hamilton, b.1-9-1951.

George Palmer Knapp graduated with B.S. from Mass. Institute of Technology, 1935. Graduated with M.S. from Harvard University, 1938. He is now director of Engineering, Sanborn Company, Waltham, Mass.











